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MORDECAI MILLARD.

A few weeks ago Associate Judge Mordecai Millard had a slight paralytic stroke, from which he recovered so that he was able to be present during the sessions of February court. On Friday morning last at four o'clock he had a second stroke, and died on Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

Judge Millard was born in Center township on April 7, 1831. He was a son of Reese and Elizabeth Millard, and was married to Sarah J. Hoffman in December 1852. Nine children were born to them, four of whom are living. They are William H, Annie E. and Mary I., residing at home, and Ernest S. of Nanticoke.

Mr. Millard was elected sheriff of Columbia county in 1867, and served three years. He was then appointed Steward of the Normal School, and filled the position for one year. During the session of 1871-2 he was appointed doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. In 1875 he moved back to his farm in Center township, where he has since resided.

In November 1890 he was elected Associate Judge on the Democratic ticket, and was reelected in 1895 for a second term of five years. He was a man of genial disposition and had many friends all over the county. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning, and was largely attended.

A meeting of the Bar was held on Monday morning, and appropriate action was taken relative to the death of Judge Millard.

ROYAL ARCANUM RECEPTION.

Nearly two hundred persons, consisting of members of Bloomsburg Council of the Royal Arcanum and invited guests, assembled at the hall in Lockard's building on Wednesday evening. At 8.30 the meeting was called to order by Regent A. W. Duy, and the program consisted of a vocal solo by Ed. Ent; an address by Grand Orator Weiss, of Bethlehem; quartette by Messrs. Hartman, Ent, Eyer and Yetter; address by Grand Regent Leisenring, of Chambersburg; violin solo by Mr. Keiple. Mr. Weiss is a member of the legislature for Lehigh county, and Mr. Leisenring is a Lutheran clergyman, and formerly lived at Catawissa. Their addresses dealt with the history and the fraternal features of the Order, as well as the benefits derived from membership. They were very interesting, and both were liberally applauded.

Refreshments consisting of fried oysters, cold tongue, sandwiches, pickles, olives, sherbet, coffee and cake were nicely served by a number of young ladies under the direction of Mrs. G. E. Wilbur. The refreshments were prepared at the Normal under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Housel, the former being a member of the committee having the affair in charge. Everything was delicious, and was greatly enjoyed by all. The whole affair was a grand success, and the committee having it in charge are to be congratulated upon their good management.

The Royal Arcanum is a social fraternity with an insurance feature. Any one desiring information can obtain it from any member.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Wigfall entertained a company of about twenty married people last week Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rishton gave a large party at the Bloomsburg Club House last Thursday night in honor of Mr. Frank Sloan and his bride. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Rishton, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, Miss Lilla Sloan, Mr. Boileau, of Baltimore, Miss Bone of Scranton. The music was furnished by three pieces from Wilkes-Barre, and was very good Dancing continued until after two o'clock in the morning. The refreshments were elaborate, and were well served. The house was beautifully trimmed with flowers and vines. Altogether it was a very charming affair, and the leading social feature in Bloomsburg for several years.

Those present from out of town were, Mr. and Mrs. R. Andreas of Wilkes-Barre, Miss Bone of Scranton, Mrs. Hanly of Berwick, Mr. Boileau of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Goodhue of Jamison City; Miss Brown of Williamsport; Harry Dreifuss of Hazleton; Russell Kelly of Danville.

I. G. Deitrick has sold his store on Market Square to William Deitrick, and the latter has transferred it to Mrs. Blanche Deitrick. The business will be conducted by I. G. Deitrick, Agent.

NORMAL 6, PITTSTON 3.

There was a good attendance at the basket ball game Friday night, to witness the Normal boys add another victory to their long list.

The game itself was not a very brilliant one, and fouls and rough plays were numerous, but as our boys came out victorious everyone left the "gym" satisfied.

Not until a few minutes before the game did the Normal team learn that seven men and divided floor was to be played, and as they have not practiced it and were obliged to play men together who have not been practicing with each other, the victory can be considered a great one. Pittston has been practicing this way and has some very strong players and played a rough game from the start.

The line up:

Moore, Berry F.	At tack	McGuffie, Van Valkenberg,
Young, Berry H. Fox,	Cen tre	Young, Nagle, Anthony,
Harrar, Worthington,	Defense	Sheetz, Francis.

Score—Normal 6, Pittston 3. Fouls—Worthington 2, Fox, Moore, Young, Sheetz, McGuffie, Nagle. Goals from field—Moore, Fox, Van Valkenberg; From fouls—Moore 2, Van Valkenberg. Referee—Detwiler. Umpire—G. J. Thomas. Time—two halves of twenty minutes.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Passes by Very Quietly in Bloomsburg.

The employees of the two banks, and the school children were about the only people who made any account of Washington's Birthday in Bloomsburg. The stores were all open, and everything else went along as usual.

The patriotism shown in the display of flags was small, several residents threw the stars and stripes to the breeze, and these were very pleasant to the sight. From the top of Harman & Hassert's works, a flag was kept floating all day.

There were several entertainments in the evening There was a goodly sized audience at the Normal School, it being the anniversary of the Calliepian Society, they having secured for the evening's entertainment the celebrated Nashville Jubilee Singers, and the reputation this organization has established on their former visit to our town was fully upheld on Monday night.

In addition to this the Friendship Fire Company held their 30th annual ball in the Enterline Building, and was largely attended. The strains of the music furnished by the orchestra could be heard upon the night air until a late hour, and judging from the many successful balls held by this Company in former years, there is only one conclusion to reach and that is that all present had a jolly good time.

Thus ended another birthday of him who was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

TERNEY—STOHNER.

Mr. Daniel Terney, of this town, and Miss Lizzie, daughter of B. Stohner, prop. of the Central Hotel, were married by Rev. A. J. McCann, in St. Columbia's church, at 7 o'clock this morning. After the ceremony was over, the immediate friends of the contracting parties returned to the Central Hotel where the wedding breakfast and a reception was held.

Mr. Terney is a prominent young man of town, and is one of the representatives of the Prudential Insurance Co. May their wedded life be a long and happy one.

Misses Minnie Pollock and Cora Miller entered this office on Feb. 26, 1894, to learn the printing trade. It was an experiment that had never been tried in Bloomsburg, and we were uncertain as to its success, but a very short time proved that no mistake had been made. The young ladies learned quickly, and soon became rapid and accurate compositors. Their presence gave tone to the composing room. To-morrow they complete a three years' apprenticeship and become full-fledged "jours." Because of their faithfulness and skill, their services will be retained.

Coleman Lewis, who has been clerking at the store of J. M. Gidding for the past few years, has severed his connection with that firm and moved to Scranton. He was a genial and obliging clerk, and during his stay in our town made many friends.

CLOVER CLUB DINNER.

In speaking of the monthly meeting of the Clover Club, held at Philadelphia last week, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* of Friday pays the following compliment to Fred Ikeler, of this town:

"Small and early was the monthly dinner of the Clover Club, given last night at the Hotel Bellevue, and although many of the most noted wits of the club were absent, those who were present more than worthily upheld the club's reputation. The most noteworthy guest was a budding celebrity introduced by A. S. L. Shields, young Fred Ikeler, of Bloomsburg, who will figure largely in public when he appears as chief counsel in the celebrated Knorr—Wintersteen case, which will be tried in the Columbia County Court next May. Mr. Ikeler told a dramatic story, and may probably impress a jury fully as favorably as he did the Cloverites.

The table decorations were very pretty last night, white roses, white tulips, white carnations and a profusion of daisies being intermingled with asparagus vine. The wealth of foliage which bedecked the walls and ceilings was enhanced by a multitude of variegated incandescent lamps. Col. A. K. McKlure presided at the opening of the dinner, but soon gave way to Colonel Tom Donaldson, who filled the chair during the remainder of the evening. * * * *

Among the members and guests present were: Howard J. Avil, James S. Benn, W. H. Campion, Joseph C. Cousans, Samuel L. Eizas, Signor F. A. Giannini, A. C. Griggs, Harry B. Gross, Dr. W. Frank Haehnlen, George Holland, George H. Harris, Frederick Ikeler, Bloomsburg, Pa.; B. K. Jamison, R W. Jennings, W. Hampden Johnstone, Jas. W. King, Frank McLaughlin, John E. Payne, Silas W. Pettit, Melville Phillips, George C. Pierie, Sheldon Potter, Thomas Potter Jr., William W. Porter, John I. Rogers, Alfonso Rosa, Joseph J. Shields, Edwin B. Stuart, D. W. Stubbs, C. Wesley Thomas, Frank R. Turner and Thos. Earle White.

Death After a Long Illness.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Caldwell, widow of Rev. John Caldwell, a Presbyterian minister, died at her home at the corner of East and Fifth Streets Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock after a long illness. The deceased was sixty years of age. Thus has passed away one who was beloved by all who knew her. Never was she known to do an act unbecoming to a christian lady, never did she utter an unkind word to anyone, and during her years of sickness she bore her affliction with a calmness that was seldom equalled, until death ended her suffering and called her from her earthly toils to the sleep that knows no waking. Funeral services will be conducted at the house on Saturday after which her remains will be taken to Canton, Pa. for interment.

The last of the "Musical Teas" at the Parish House last Saturday evening was the most successful one yet held. The attendance was large, and the collection amounted to $12.85. The program consisted of a chorus by the choir; quartette by Mrs. Melick, Miss Miller, Messrs Hummer and Elwell; solo by Mrs. Melick; recitation by Marie Robbins; "Polly Hopkins and Tommy Tompkins" by Anna Creasy and Warren Turner; a pantomime by Marie Robbins and Alfred Armstrong, in which Mrs. Dr. Arment sang behind the stage, and the action was suited to the words; dumb-bell drill by a number of little boys; orchestral selections by Miss Maude Runyon, C. P. Elwell and Frank Miller; piano solo by Miss McLinn; recitation by A. W. Duy.

These pleasant gatherings will be resumed after lent.

Mrs. Fannie Margaret Kistler, wife of Benjamin Kistler, died at her home in Canby on Saturday last, aged 61 years, 6months and 10 days. She was endowed with a cheerful temperament, beloved by a large circle of friends, and her death has caused much sorrow among them. A husband and three children, namely, Ida, wife of our townsman J. W. Masteller, Amelia and Freas are left to mourn her death. The funeral took place on Monday, conducted by a former pastor, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Canby, and was largely attended.

Go to the Parish House tonight and get a good supper of chicken and hot cakes, for 25 cents.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, February 25, 26, and 27th the latest invention, Edison's Projectoscope, at the Opera House.

Oyster supper at the Presbyterian Church next Tuesday evening.

Thursday evening 25th inst., the choir of St. Paul's Church will give a chicken and flannel cake supper in the Parish House. Tickets, 25 cents.

Friday evening, 26th inst. Students' Lecture Course. Lecture by Rev. Anna Shaw.

On Monday evening, March 1st, a musicale will be given in the Presbyterian Church, the proceeds of which will be sent to Dr. Jno. B. Neal in China, towards the support of his hospital.

Tuesday evening, March 2nd, lecture in the Parish House by Fred Ikeler Esq., under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Announcements of any other entertainments will be made under this head without charge, by leaving word at this office.

KILLED IN A MINERS' FIGHT.

A Drunken Carousal Ends in the Death of One at Least.

A terrible shooting affray occurred at Milnesville near Hazleton Sunday afternoon, in which one man was instantly killed and another so badly wounded that he cannot possibly recover. Saturday was pay-day at the collieries, and the men began to celebrate. Joseph Kuglich started out with a two-gallon can, to have it filled at the Mt. Scenery Hotel. There had been a fracas, and a number of his countrymen followed, pummeling him with stones.

He informed them that unless they desisted he would shoot. They paid no attention to him, and a moment later he drew his revolver and began to fire. Joe Braddock fell with a bullet through his heart, while Mike Kosback was maimed by a bullet striking him in the thigh. It was impossible to obtain a physician and the loss of blood was so great that it is feared he will die. When the news reached Hazleton, Detectives Rielly and Kennedy immediately went to the scene, but Kuglich had made good his escape.

John Bonner, a well-known amateur baseball player, was also shot through the right leg in a fracas at Lattimer.

DEATH BY SUICIDE.

Susie Miller, aged about nineteen years, died in terrible agony at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Jacobs, on Thursday afternoon, from the effects of a dose of paris green, taken with suicidal intent. She was in good spirits the day before and was out with some friends till quite late Wednesday night, and while there was undoubtedly some cause for her taking her own life, the relatives of the unfortunate girl can assign no reason for rash act, and they will probably never find out anything more about it.

The funeral took place on Saturday, interment in Rosemont cemetery.

Congratulations.

WILLIAMSPORT, Feb. 18, 1897.

HON. W. R. KOCHER, Mayor-Elect, Bloomsburg, Pa.

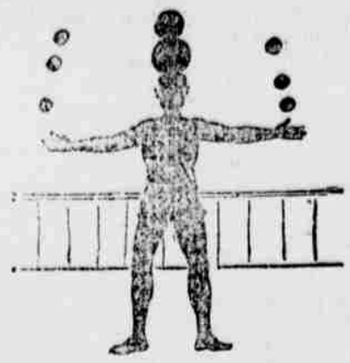
MY DEAR SIR:—Permit me to most heartily congratulate you on your grand "victory" and election to the position of Mayor of your city. That the people of Bloomsburg chose wisely is without question. I trust your term of office may be most satisfactory to the people you represent, as well as a pleasure to yourself.

Very truly yours,
JAMES MAUSEL, Mayor.

Those who attended the entertainment given by Miss Sue J. Stapleton, elocutionist, at the Lutheran church Tuesday night, were royally entertained. The whole program consisting of twelve numbers was rendered in a very pleasing manner. The violin solo by Mr. Keiple of the Normal School was among the noteworthy features. The attendance, we regret to say, was not as large as it should have been, and all those who stayed away missed a rare treat.

Mrs. Wellington Kashner, aged about twenty-six years, died at home between Fourth and Fifth Streets, Wednesday morning, after a short illness of about three weeks. A husband and two children, Mary, aged seven, and Harold, aged three, survive. At the time of going to press, the time for holding the funeral was not made known.

IT IS A BALANCE



In their favor that everybody is working for in business, ourselves included. Just at present, however, it is to our interest to dispose of every winter weight Suit, Overcoat, Storm Coat, or Reefer at any price rather than carry over. It's not profit we're after. We're not looking for it. Medium weight Suits are now ready for those who do not want to invest in heavy goods. This is truly bargain time.

SPRING HATS READY.

GIDDING'S

"AGITATORS."

Fred Ikeler Esq., will deliver his lecture on "Agitators" in the Parish House next Tuesday evening. This lecture has been given before in Bloomsburg, Berwick, and several other places, and is very highly spoken of by those who heard it.

It is repeated now by invitation of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the proceeds are for the organ fund. The lecture itself, and the object for which it is given should secure the attendance of all Episcopalians, and as many more as possible. Tickets 25 cents.

LOST $2,000 IN A BURNING HOUSE.

After saving $2,000 to purchase a new home, Edward Wolfgang's treasure was consumed by fire which on Tuesday destroyed the residence of the young man's father, John Wolfgang of Shamokin. The young man kept the money in the attic, and vainly tried to force his way through the fire and smoke to rescue the roll.

The last lecture in the Students' Lecture Course will be given by Rev. Anna H. Shaw on Friday evening. If the people of Bloomsburg appreciate the efforts of the Normal School to give us a series of splendid entertainments, they will fill the house. Owing to the fact that it has stormed on several dates when these lectures were given, the attendance has not been as large as it ought to have been, and we understand that the management will fall short in their expenses. Help them out by a liberal patronage. The tickets are only 50 cents.

A pleasant surprise party was given the Misses Fannie and Avis Burcher, by their young friends, at the former's home on Leonard Street, Thursday evening of last week. Music and games of various kinds took up the evening until about eleven o'clock, when all were invited to the dining-room, where all did justice to the many good things spread before them. The occasion was a happy one, and all left, hoping to take part in another surprise party in the near future.

ROBBERS ON ELEVATOR ROPES.

Night Watchman's Thrilling Battle With Armed Thieves.

James Cleaver, employed as a night watchman at McConnel Bros.' hardware establishment at Ashland, was shot and beaten by burglars at an early hour Tuesday morning. While asleep on a cot in the office he was awakened by a noise in front of the office, and noting the time he leaped out of bed and, seizing his revolver, cautiously opened the office door.

The elevator is directly in front of the office, and in this he saw a man clinging to the ropes. He fired, but had no sooner done so than he was felled to the floor by another man, who was standing behind him in the office. The man stepped in front of the door and shot Cleaver while the latter was lying on the floor, the bullet taking effect in his thigh.

Cleaver was dazed for a moment, and when he recovered the men were climbing up the elevator. He sent two more bullets after them, then fell back unconscious.

The shots had not taken effect, and the burglars escaped. Cleaver was taken to the Miners' Hospital, where he now lies in a critical condition.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk W. H. Henrie since those published last week.

Fred B. Seesholtz of Berwick, to Miss Frances Croft of the same place

W. A. Millington of Sayre, Pa., to Miss Alice C. Compton of the village of Lime Ridge.

Martin A. Gearhart of Mainville, Columbia county, to Miss Racy Buchman of Zenith, Luz. county, Pa.

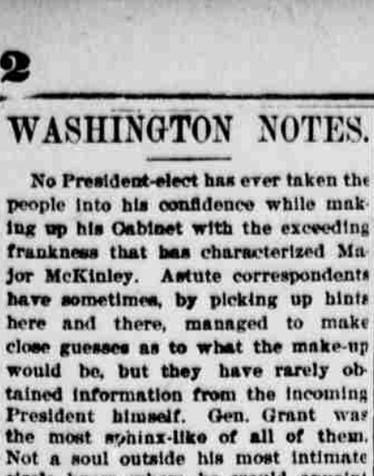
Benj. F. Rhoads of Berwick, to Miss Vestie Vest of the borough of Berwick.

Cyrus Lucas of Bloomsburg, to Miss Katie Shultz of the same place.

Spirik Karlyak of Centralia boro., to Miss Anna Zywan of Mt. Carmel.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

No President-elect has ever taken the people into his confidence while making up his Cabinet with the exceeding frankness that has characterized Major McKinley. Astute correspondents have sometimes, by picking up hints here and there, managed to make close guesses as to what the make-up would be, but they have rarely obtained information from the incoming President himself. Gen. Grant was the most sphinx-like of all of them. Not a soul outside his most intimate circle knew whom he would appoint until the names were sent to the Senate. Grant commenced his Presidency by holding aloof from the politicians. At its close he had surrendered to them altogether. His first Cabinet was a surprise to everybody. E. B Washburne, Secretary of State; A. T. Stewart, Secretary of the Treasury; Adolph E. Borie, Secretary of the Navy, were the chief wonders. They were all confirmed instantly, and then it was discovered that Stewart was ineligible because he was an importer. Grant, instead of withdrawing his name, sent in a request to Congress that the statute making Mr. Stewart ineligible be suspended in his favor. Of course the Senate would not consent, and Stewart resigned.



CHAUNCEY DEPEW.
(Mentioned as Minister to Great Britain.)

There seems to be a great deal more in the movement to create a new department and a new Cabinet officer than was at first supposed. The Labor people have been agitating the scheme to create a Department of Labor, and now that there is some chance of a new department of Commerce and Manufactures, they are willing to consolidate their talked-of department with this one and let it be known as the Department of Commerce, Labor and Manufactures. The The bill for the new department has been before the Senate about a year, for it was introduced by Senator Frye last March. It provides for a Cabinet officer, with one assistant, and the usual number of clerical assistants. The department is to have general jurisdiction over the foreign and internal commerce of the country, except in the collection of revenues and the administration of customs and internal revenue laws. But it will include all matters relating to manufacturing industries in the United States, and the extension of our foreign markets.

Another interesting figure in Washington life passed away yesterday, when Dr. James P. Hambleton died. He was a type of the class known the world over as the "Majahs" and "Jedges" of the capital city. Educated far in advance of those who in later years were his friends and companions, and possessing, moreover, as but few of them do, both blood and breeding, Dr. Hambleton was, none the less, for the past fifteen years, a conspicuous and interesting soldier in the army of disappointed politicians and office-seekers who infest the hotel lobbies of Washington and live altogether on the memories of the past. Intensely scornful of the interest and importance of modern happenings, they delight only in recounting the achievements of themselves and their contemporaries during and "jest aftah the wah." After the war Dr. Hambleton came to Washington to prosecute a claim against the Government, which he held as administrator of an estate. He entered Government service and held office for several years but the extreme bias of his opinions and the fact that he never lost an opportunity of declaring his continued belief in and adherence to the principles of secession finally lost him his place, and he never held another with the exception of one day as clerk to the Committee on Ways and Means. His claim was never allowed.

An interesting photograph has recently been taken in Washington of Mrs. Cleveland and the wives of the Cabinet officers. It will be a memento of Mrs. Cleveland's last year as "first lady of the land." Miss Johnson was the artist, and the picture was taken in her studio. The group was posed in one corner of the studio. Mrs. Cleveland was the central figure. At her right was Mrs. Olney with Miss Herbert just beyond. Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Harmon, and Mrs. Wilson were at Mrs. Cleveland's left. Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Francis, and Miss Morton stood at the back. The ladies all wore the gowns in which they appeared at the New Year's reception at the White House. After the group had been taken Mrs. Cleveland posed for a portrait of herself alone, the first she has had taken in Washington since 1894. Ex-Secretary John W. Foster is teaching a Bible class in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church of Washington, which is attended by about sixty people, including several public men.

SENATOR.

The situation in Crete is said to be hopeless. It usually is, when the Turks get hold of it.

President Eliot's request for $10,000,000 for Harvard is evidence that it costs much to make learning free.

Lady Henry Somerset has sent a woman physician and two trained nurses to care for the Armenian refugees in Bulgaria.

A wave of anti-expectoration ordinances is sweeping over the country. In most cases, however, the enforcement of the same is waived.

Illinois has two United States Senators, neither of whom can ride a bicycle. Yet Illinois is always vociferously declaring that she is keeping pace with the progress of the nation.

King Oscar has at least the satisfaction of knowing that the mention of his name in connection with the arbitration treaty has made him known to millions of people who never heard of him before.

Germany, by the last census, has 52,279,091 inhabitants, an increase in five years of 2,851,431. France's population has increased in the same time only 133,819, being now 38,228,969. Thirty-five years ago the population of the two countries was nearly equal.

The Queen of Denmark has shown plenty of courage in her time. The withered hand that she bears was due to a mauling it received in youthful days from a tame tiger which attacked her. Though seriously hurt, she realized the importance of not showing fear, and drew the animal with her to a place where the palace guards could shoot it.

Attention is called in Chicago to the fact that Illinois has never yet had a native Governor and that Texas has had but one. The present Governor of New York is a native of Maine. His predecessor was a native of Vermont, but all the other Governors of New York for many years have been natives of the State, with the exception of Gov. Dix, who was a native of New Hampshire.

Queen Victoria's jubilee year promises to deserve its name for personal reasons, if for no other. Her Majesty's health continues to be so good that she has promised to take part in a public function at Sheffield in May, and the Prince of Wales is so far rid of the debts which have been pressing him for years that he is making large investments in land. These are encouraging tidings to open the memorable year.

Professor Moses Coit Tyler, of Cornell, said the other evening in a lecture that while Washington's reputation as a soldier and a statesman was safe, he was in real danger from the humorists of the future. This was owing to the fact that Washington, the real man, had never been very well known, and is now almost forgotten, having been replaced in the popular mind by a myth type almost equally compounded of the heroic, the priggish and the statuesque.

One of the largest silver medals distributed by the Veitch Memorial Fund, London, for distinguished service to horticulture has this year been awarded to Professor L. H. Bailey of Cornell University, Ithaca, "in recognition of his efforts, by means of his lectures and his writings, to place the cultivation of plants on a scientific basis; to promote the extension of horticultural education, and, by numerous trials and experiments, to improve and render more productive plants grown for economic purposes."

A Michigan woman who discusses the well-worn question why girls prefer shop and factory work to domestic service says that the chief objection is the latter is the loss of caste involved. One girl who had tried both means of livelihood is quoted as saying: "I am not one whit better now than I was when I worked as a servant, yet now when I go out in society, I meet people of refinement and am treated the same as any one else. I board at a nice place and am often invited to spend the evening among people who would never have given me a second glance if I had remained a servant."

It has been stated that a bank burglar can so heat the walls of a safe with an electric current as to be able to get inside without waiting more than a few minutes. Certain laboratory experiments lend some sanction to such a notion, but electrical journals pooh-pooh it. It is much easier to talk about stealing electricity from live trolley and lightning wires than it is to do it—that is, with safety. "The Electrical Engineer," after pointing out some other difficulties in the way of such operations, remarks that "men can take and have taken the current from supply mains, even more than is required for melting through safes, though in numerous instances the parties maintained perfect silence about it ever after."

WON WHEN IT WOULD GO.

The Chinese and His Method at Card Playing.

The trait of the Chinese which is set out by Bret Harte when he tells of Ah Sin's peculiar euchre game is illustrated by the story told by a recently arrived tourist, who, while in the Celestial Empire, did the big cities under the most favorable auspices, meeting the representative merchants and officials. His story thus runs:

In one of the great treaty ports there is a business men's club, where at luncheon hour the representative mercantile men, native and foreign, meet. They frequently play cards, and the game which is most in favor is "Nap." One day there was a quintet party at the game, when the stakes had gradually risen until the thrifty sole Oriental the winning of the pot became a greater object than one of skill.

Suddenly an Englishman with a smile of grim satisfaction threw down his cards, reached for the pot and said, "I go nap."

"Sorry," broke in the Chinese, "misdeal; I got only four cards."

There was a general laugh at the expense of the unfortunate, who thought he had won, which was soon after repeated. Another European had made the customary announcement which precedes reaching for the pot, when the slant-eyed speculator again baulked proceedings with the remark:

"Misdeal; I got six cards."

A silence fell upon the players when the cards were shuffled and passed around again. Solemnly the Chinese propounded to each of his fellow-players the query, "Have you five cards?" The answer was in the affirmative each time, and when all had replied the Oriental calmly remarked as he reached for the chips:

"Then I go nap."

The Best Thing to Do.

Mabel—Mr. Jones, do you ever sing, "After the Ball?"

Jones—No. Go right to bed.

Paid Too Much.

Caleb had three children—John, Mary and Jane. John is the oldest and so the most inquiring. He had heard that babies were bought from doctors, and one day asked his mother about prices.

"Mother, how much did I cost?" he inquired.

As some reply had to be made, his mother said one thousand dollars. John thought it over for a moment, and then asked:

"How much did you pay for Mary?"

"Fifteen hundred dollars."

"Why, she cost more than me."

"Yes; girls always cost more than boys."

"What did you pay for Jane?" Jane is a little self-willed tyrant.

"Jane cost two thousand dollars," said Mrs. Caleb, and John lapsed into deep thought. In a few moments he said:

"Mamma, I don't think Mary cost too much, but you got stuck with Jane."

A Disputed Question.

How many apples did Adam and Eve eat?

Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2—a total of 10 only.

Now we figure the thing out far differently. Eve 8 and Adam 8 also—total, 16.

We think the above figures are entirely wrong. If Eve 8 and Adam 82, certainly the total will be 90.

Scientific men, however, on the strength of the theory that the antediluvians were a race of giants, reason something like this—Eve 81 and Adam 82—total, 163.

Wrong again. What could be clearer than if Eve 81 and Adam 812, the total was 893?

I believe the following to be the true solution: Eve 814 Adam and Adam 8124 Eve—8,928.

Still another calculation is as follows If Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81242 oblige Eve—total, 82056.

An Ultimatum.

She is an accomplished musician, with classic tastes, and her husband was greatly surprised when he came home the other evening to find her industriously playing what even his unsusceptible ear recognized as dance music.

"That's a departure for you, isn't it?" he exclaimed.

"Yes," she answered wearily. "I haven't done so much practicing in a good while."

"Have you abandoned Wagner and Liszt and your other former favorites?"

"Not altogether. But the cook doesn't like them. If I don't learn to play 'Wearing of the Green' by to-morrow morning, she'll leave."—Washington Star.

What Worried Him.

Hoax—What's worrying you now?

Joax—My old uncle's at death's door.

"What does the doctor say?"

"That's what's worrying me most. He said he would pull him through, and I forgot to ask him which way."—Philadelphia Record.

A Point She Couldn't Understand.

She—There is one thing about politics I could never understand.

He—What is that?

She—Why it is that in making up a ticket they always use a slate. Wouldn't a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil be more convenient?—Brooklyn Life.

AN INTERMITTENT HEART.

STOPPED EVERY THIRD BEAT.

But Mrs. Strope's Heart Now no Longer Lags but Throbs Regularly.

From the Leader, Cleveland, Ohio.

In a large, commodious house at No. 104 Huntington Street, Cleveland, Ohio, lives Mrs. Emily A. Strope, widow of the late X. M. Strope, and she is the mother of a young man who has been, and is now one of this city's successful and energetic pharmacists. Mrs. Strope, who has lately recovered from serious cardiac difficulty, when questioned by a reporter regarding her late illness, stated as follows:

"Two years ago, I had my first experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. For a long time I was troubled with an ailment which I feared would eventually drive me crazy unless I rid myself of it. It will sound strange, no doubt, to some, but my heart did not beat as it should. Its action was irregular. There would be two pulsations, or perhaps three, and then a sudden cessation. My heart seemed to rest for the period of one or two beats, and then resume its action. Sometimes such lapses would not be so frequent as that, but scarcely a day passed that they did not occur. It felt as though something would strike the heart with great force, and push it out of place. During that period, whenever I lay down to sleep or rest, my hands would become perfectly numb and helpless. I could feel the temporary paralysis coming over them, but I could do nothing which would prevent it. My feet were affected in a like manner, and I had considerable difficulty in walking when such a spell had possession of me. Naturally that state of affairs completely upset my nerves, and any one whose nervous system is well nigh shattered, can appreciate and understand the misery, chiefly mental, which I endured. I lost much sleep and rest, and often I was compelled from sheer exhaustion to sit down during the day to obtain some repose. But as soon as I did so I felt that numb sensation come over my hands and feet, and I rocked violently in my chair to drive it away, but frequently to no avail.

"One day my son, who was keeping a drug store at the time, brought me home some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and advised me to take them for my heart trouble. I did so and soon began to feel better. I used the pills about two months and they certainly cured me, for now my heart beats regularly and all numbness has disappeared and my circulation is in splendid order."

We print the above hoping Mrs. Strope's experience may be beneficial to others who may suffer from derangement of the heart.

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Bad Times In Canada.

Times in Canada continue to grow steadily worse, and failures are increasing. The statement of the Canadian government for the financial year, ending June 30th last, shows an actual deficit of about $5,000,000 and a net debt of over $258,000,000. The practice of charging many items of expenditure to capital amount in order to hide the real state of things is meant to deceive the people here and in England and to bolster up interests that are injuring the country. It is a continuance of the system of deception carried on all through the years since confederation by the Tory party, and will work no good to the Liberals. The mining boom has led people in some quarters to hope for better things, but it is yet too early to say what the result will be. So far it has only benefited a few lucky claim owners and the newspapers that have inserted the booming advertisements. I had a conversation with a man who had just returned from a business trip through Ontario. He had the "blues" so badly that he recommends that the whole country make an assignment.—Cor. New York *Sun*.

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General Wheeler's Hat.

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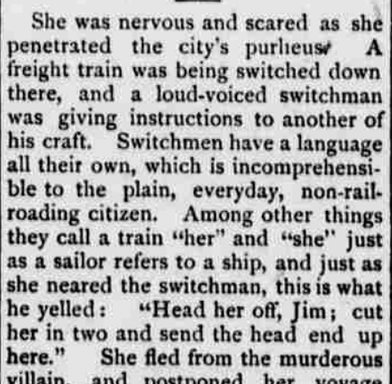

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Oats " "	30
Rye " "	.50
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Turnips " "	.25
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Tallow per lb	.4½
Shoulder " "	.10
Side meat " "	.10
Vinegar, per qt	.07
Dried apples per lb	.05
Dried cherries, pitted	.12
Raspberries	.12
Cow Hides per lb	.3½
Steer " " "	.05
Calf Skin	.80
Sheep pelts	.75
Shelled corn per bus	.50
Corn meal, cwt	1.50
Bran, "	.90
Chop "	1.00
Middlings "	.90
Chickens per lb new	.10
" " " old	.08
Turkeys " "	.12½
Geese " "	.10
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VARIETIES.

One man in 20 meets with an accident yearly.

Bees can fly 20 per cent. faster than pigeons.

Whiskey was first made in Ireland by an English Monk.

The Salvation Army hold over two million services yearly.

Dogs have been known to run 150 miles in twenty-four hours.

One third of the land surface of the earth is covered with forests.

More people speak English than Russian, French, and German put together.

Nearly 60 per ceet. of premature deaths can be traced to excess of strong drink.

Three hundred and ten miles have been flown by a bird in 7 hours and 24 minutes.

Snails are collected on the Kentish pastures every year in large quantities and despatched to Paris.

Sir Robert Ball says there are 1,000,000 stars, although only 6,000 are visible to the naked eye.

Sandwich, in Kent, was, in the year 1000, on the sea coast. The sea having receded, it is now two miles inland.

The Dukes of Athole were at one time Kings of the Isle of Man, but in 1765 their sovereign rights were purchased for $350,000.

The rate at which the Zulus can travel upon an emergency is astonishing. Some will go as much as fifty miles in six hours; eight miles an hour is an ordinary pace.

An American expert declares that he knows of at least 600 counterfeits of the Old Masters which are now hanging in private galleries in the United States, all purchased at high prices.

Very young children are not sensitive to pain to any great extent. Dr. Geuger calculates that sensibility is seldom clearly shown in less than four or five weeks after birth, and before that time infants do not shed tears.

The "Gladstone" property, about 8,809 acres in extent, is in Flintshire. It consists of the family estate of Hawarden, and a smaller adjoining estate. Both these have, however, been legally reconveyed to the ex-Premier's eldest son. Mr. W. H. Gladstone, and Mr. W. E. Gladstone, if a landowner at all, is only so to a very small extent. The property is ordinary farming land, but there are on it several small collieries and valuable beds of clay.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Bills Against Football

Nebraska Legislators Asked to Provide Penalties For Even Onlookers.

A decidedly stringent antifootball bill has been introduced in the lower house of the Nebraska legislature. The bill provides that any person engaging in a foot-ball game shall be fined upon conviction a sum not less than $25 nor more than $100 or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months, or both. Further, if any one is concerned as basker, umpire, assistant, reporter or onlooker he is liable to a fine of $5 to $25. Another clause in the bill enables the proper authorities to place under bond to keep the peace those persons caught training for a football game.

A bill has been introduced in the Indianna house making it unlawful for any person or persons to engage in playing football in the state of Indiana. Representative Patterson, a Franklin county doctor, who introduced the bill, said he had seen many games, including the big annual events in the east, and declared that more men had been killed by football than by pugilism.

CATARRH, HAY FEVER, COLDS IN THE HEAD.—Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder gives instant relief in most acute cases, and never fails in a permanent cure. The simplest cold in the head may sow the seeds of this offensive disease. Be on the safe side—use the tried and tested remedy—it's delightful to use—cleanses the nasal passages in a few minutes.

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NEW YORK LETTER.

Brooklyn has the distinction of embracing in its territory the most unique burial plot on earth. The plot is located on a beautiful slope to the right of the main entrance to Evergreen Cemetery. This plot is the property of the United States, and has been set apart as the last resting place of the sailors who die in the port of New York, friendless and far from home. The plot occupies the most desirable location in the cemetery, and now contains the remains of nearly two thousand sailors. The plot consists of three acres on the highest ground, and has been in use for upward of forty years. On the plateau is a marble monument, rising in base, pedestal, shaft and capital to the height of 60 feet. The pedestal has four panels, one bearing the inscription: "For Sailors of All Nations," while the others bear nautical emblems and the names of the first Board of Trustees. Surmounting the capital is a marble globe, on which is engraved the map of the world. Parts of the plot are allotted to Asia, South America, Oceanica and Africa, while under the head of Europe separate lots have been set aside for the benefit of all the various maritime nations of that continent, France and England being allotted the largest lots. All the American sailors are interred in the plot allotted to the United States. Canadian, Mexican and Central American sailors have separate lots. Each subdivision of the plot has a large stone, with the name of the country to which it is assigned in raised letters on its surface.

Miss Lillian Russell recently added another to the list of her experiences, and gave the prisoners spending Sunday in the Tombs a chance to do likewise. In accordance with the wish of the Rev. William Lindsay, who conducts the Protestant Episcopal service in that prison and Ludlow Street Jail (when there are enough inmates left in the latter place to hear it) Miss Russell rendered a semi-religious vocal solo for the occupants of the Tombs cells. She has sung before hundreds of larger and more fashionable houses, but few of them had looked forward with keener expectation to her coming or found more delight in the exercise of her talent. The fact that Miss Russell was to sing in the Tombs had been sufficiently advertised beforehand, and Warden Van De Carr said that he had been pestered for three days by people who wanted free passes to the Tombs for the occasion. There was, in fact a respectable scattering of visitors about the railing on the second floor of the corridors when Miss Russell climbed the stairs that lead to it with her accompanist, Paul Steindorff. She wore a jaunty hat, a black jacket richly faced with sable fur and a black skirt of brocaded satin. The prisoners trained their eyes to catch a glimpse of her through the bars of their cell doors and the backs of accommodating guests that stood between them and Miss Russell, but made no special demonstration at her appearance. She walked to the little organ that is used in the regular afternoon service, and after the clergyman had introduced her to the audience, who might be supposed not to know yet that she had come, Mr. Steindorff sat down at the instrument. Miss Russell sang James Thompson's "A Song of Thanksgiving," the words of which were written by Francis Alliston. As she finished, the hollow sound of applause echoed from the cells and down the corridor, the clapping of the hardened hands mingling with what seemed to be the sound of a tin basin. The applause grew into an encore, and Miss Russell was willing to respond, but Mr. Lindsay did not approve of that. She gave no more, therefore, but later repeated the same selection before the boys' prison, whom she smilingly declared to be the best gallery she ever sang to. She sang also for the female prisoners.

Miss Russell expressed herself pleased with her little adventure, and said that she would come down later on a week day, without announcing it beforehand, and sing some ballads to the prisoners.

There are 1,600 persons in various grades of service on the pay roll of the New York Custom House, with salaries aggregating more than $2,250,000 in a year. The number of clerks and inspectors exceeds 400 of each.

The average number of voters to a house in New York city is three. There are 110,000 houses and 330,000 voters.

The Populist vote in New York city cast at the recent election for Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals was 1,367 votes.

The Rev. Lyman Abbott and other Congregational ministers are surprised and indignant because of a new State law which, it is just discovered, is destructive of the Congregational form of church government. Each Congregational Church is not only absolutely independent of each other as regards doctrine and policy, but each member is the equal of every other member, and the pastor has no absolute authority. The new law, it is discovered, not only makes the pastor an autocrat, but puts the individual churches in larger measure under control of the association or denomination to which they belong. This, of course, is entirely contrary to Congregational and Baptist usage, and the churches will try to have the law amended so as to exempt them from its operation.

CYRUS THORP.

Trotter: "Truth is said to be stranger than fiction."

Weller: "To a great many people it is."—Answers.

DID WASHINGTON SWEAR?

General Scott, of Revolutionary Fame, Says that He Did.

Charles Scott was a native of Cumberland county, in Virginia. He raised the first company of volunteers in that state, south of the James river, that actually entered into the continental service. So much was he appreciated, that, in 1777, the shire town of Powhatan county was named in honor of him. Congress appointed him a brigadier in the continental army on the first of April, 1777. He served with distinction during the war, and at its termination he went to Kentucky. He settled in Woodford county, in that state, in 1785. He was with St. Clair at his defeat in 1791; and in 1794 he commanded a portion of Wayne's army at the battle of the Fallen Timber. He was governor of Kentucky form 1808 to 1812.

General Scott had a most inveterate habit of swearing; whether in private or public society, on the farm, or the field of battle, every other word was an oath. On the night preceding the battle of Princeton, Scott received an order from the commander-in-chief in person to defend a bridge to the last extremity. "To the last man, your excellency," replied Scott; and forgetting the presence of his chief, accompanied the words with tremendous oaths. The general, as may be well supposed, had but little time, on that eventful evening, to notice or chide this want of decorum in his brave and well-tried soldier. After the war, a friend of the gallant general, anxious to reform his evil habits, asked him whether it was possible that the man so much beloved, the admired Washington, ever swore? Scott reflected for a moment, and then exclaimed, "Yes, once. It was at Monmouth, and on a day that would have made any man swear. Yes, sir, he swore on that day, till the leaves shook on the trees, charming, delightful. Never have I enjoyed such swearing before, or since. Sir, on that ever-memorable day he swore like an angel from Heaven." The reformer abandoned the general in despair.

OF INTEREST TO CYCLERS.

Don't ride your bicycle in such a position as to have the appearance of trying to grind the end of your nose off on the front wheel.

The agitation for good roads is to be kept up in Albany this year and the organized wheelmen are to take a hand in it. A bill is to be pushed in the Legislature appropriating the sum of $500,000 for road improvement in 1897.

At a meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture, there was an adverse report on a resolution to tax bicycles on the ground that the farmers' children were using bicycles freely and that bicyclists give substantial support to the agitation for good roads.

A wise wheelman denounces the injustice of compelling wheelmen to carry lanterns and allowing carriages to travel unlighted. He tells us that while riding one evening with his lamp burning he ran into a team and was badly bruised. The wagon contained two drunken men who were fast asleep. Why he should carry a lamp and they ride in darkness he cannot understand.

The most stupid anti-cyclist law, and there have been many of them, says the American Wheelman, is reported from Austria, where, in the District of Neustadt, the gendarmes have been arresting all cyclists riding in daytime without lanterns. The cyclists of Vienna, the most progressive wheelmen in the empire, where the sport is not yet free from many vexatious restrictions, fomented the most active resistance to the law. A leading journal of the city called on the 20,000 riders of the capital to visit Neustadt en masse and, by compelling thousands of arrests, to show the stupidity of the law.

A syndicate has been formed in Denver in the interest of a most novel enterprise connected with cycling. In brief, the plan is to build a 1,000-mile bicycle tourist circuit in the mountains, starting from Denver and extending to Estes Park, seventy-five miles distant, said to be one of the most beautiful natural parks in the world. From there it is proposed to circle the west and south to a place called Manitou via the Ute Pass, and returning to Denver by way of Manitou Park and South Platte. The plan includes the building of cabins about twelve miles apart, and hotels about seventy-five miles apart, one of which is to be a sanitarium. The scheme seems a wild one, but is said to be backed by influential capitalists interested in booming the general interests of the state.

The military use of bicycles is a subject receiving an astonishing amount of attention just now in Continental war offices. Germany and France are the most active rivals in the competition, and some of the experiments which have been undertaken recently would seem absurd to all except bicycle enthusiasts of the extremest type. Imagine, for instance, equipping the infantry of an army with bicycles! And yet that is precisely the experiment which the French authorities are trying on a small scale. Cyclists have long been an important feature of French military equipment, but until recently their function has been chiefly to carry messages, or perhaps to make a flying observation sortie. Now is is sugegsted that they may be made of use as combatants, or, rather, that a section of French infantry might be equipped with portable bicycles.

"SHE DRESSES WELL."

BUT HER CLOTHES OFTEN COVER A LIVING DEATH.

Beauty Is the Shrine of Men's Worship, and Women Vie With Each Other to Make Themselves Attractive.

The remark, "She dresses elegantly," is a very common one in this age of wealth and progress.

Women vie with each other in making themselves attractive, for men admire a stylishly dressed woman.

Good clothes add to the charms of the woman in perfect health, but are ill-befitting those who through ignorance or carelessness have suffered the inroads of female diseases to stamp them as physical wrecks. It is unfortunate, but true, that some physicians allow women to suffer needlessly, because man can only work from theory, and at best only patch up, without removing the cause.

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Lasker, who finally beat Steinitz over the chessboard in Moscow, has established himself as the world's champion more distinctively than any player since Murphy. He has played enough to give satisfactory evidence of what he actually is, and he has proved himself to be easily the best living player. We have no doubt that he would have beaten Steinitz in the latter's best days as surely as he has beaten him now. Lasker, master of all schools, unprejudiced, adaptable and seemingly never deluded, is so sound in his judgment, accurate in his foresight and so unfailing in his care that Steinitz could never have prevailed against him at any time. Whether Lasker has touched the very pinnacle of genius or not his general power has probably never been equaled in the history of the game.—*New York Sun.*

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A Valuable Friendship.

Charles C. Gibson, a well-known young gentleman of Williamsport, has been given $30,000 under singular circumstances. About ten years ago Mr. Gibson spent some time at a sanitarium in Clifton Springs, N. Y., and there met a Mr. Sibley, of Rochester, N. Y. A warm friendship sprang up between them, and before leaving Mr. Sibley gave Gibson an envelope, at the same time telling him not to open it until after his (Sibley's) death. Sibley died about a month ago and Gibson opened the envelope and found in it a will bequeathing to him a one-third interest in an estate valued at $150,000. A Rochester lawyer came to Williamsport to see Gibson and demanded the document which the latter refused to give up Gibson went to Rochester and the Sibley relatives offered him $30,000. Rather than have a contest Gibson accepted their offer.

The Fact that Doctors

frequently advise change of air and climate to those suffering from catarrh is proof that catarrh is a local and climatic disease. Therefore, unless you can leave home and business, you should use Ely's Cream Balm. Applied directly to the seat of the disease, it effects instant relief and a satisfactory cure after short continuance. No mercury nor injurious drug is contained in the Balm. 2t.

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BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

STATIONS.	EAST. A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	6 25	1.50	10 05	5 50
Cameron	6 38	.....	.....	6 03
Chulasky	.....	.....	.....	6 07
Danville	6 50	2 12	10 26	6 13
Catawissa	7 03	2 26	10 39	6 28
Rupert	7 09	2 31	10 44	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 15	2 36	10 49	6 39
Espy	7 23	2 42	....	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 30	2 48	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 34	2 52	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 38	.....	.....	7 00
Berwick	7 48	3 01	11 12	7 06
Beach Haven	7 54	3 07	11 18	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 00	3 13	....	7 19
Shickshinny	8 10	9 24	11 33	7 35
Hunlock's	8 20	5 34	.....	7 40
Nanticoke	8 27	3 42	11 49	7 54
Avondale	2 32	3 47	.....	7 58
Plymouth	8 37	3 52	11 56	8 03
Plymouth Junction	8 42	3 57	.....	8 07
Kingston	8 50	4 05	12 05	8 12
Bennett	8 53	4 08	.....	8 16
Forty Fort	8 56	4 11	.....	8 19
Wyoming	9 01	4 17	12 16	8 27
West Pittston	9 06	4 22	.....	8 30
Susquehanna Ave	9 10	4 25	12 23	8 33
Pittston	9 15	4 30	12 26	8 39
Duryea	9 19	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 24	4 37	...	8 48
Taylor	9 32	4 45	12 40	8 57
Bellevue	9 37	4 50	....	9 02
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 48	9 07

STATIONS.	WEST. A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SCRANTON	6 00	9 55	1 55	6 00
Bellevue	6 05	....	.....	.....
Taylor	6 10	10 04	2 05	6 10
Lackawanna	6 18	10 11	2 13	6 17
Duryea	6 22	10 14	2 16	6 21
Pittston	6 28	10 18	2 20	6 24
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 21	2 23	6 28
West Pittston	6 35	10 24	2 27	6 31
Wyoming	6 40	10 29	2 32	6 36
Forty Fort	6 45	....	..	.....
Bennett	6 48	10 36	2 39	6 44
Kingston	6 54	10 39	2 45	6 53
Plymouth Junction	6 59	10 43	2 50	.....
Plymouth	7 04	10 47	2 54	7 00
Avondale	7 09		2 58	7 07
Nanticoke	7 14	10 54	3 02	7 12
Hunlock's	7 20	11 00	3 10	7 50
Shickshinny	7 31	11 10	3 24	7 35
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 23	3 55	7 47
Beach Haven	7 54	11 32	3 42	7 58
Berwick	8 00	11 40	3 49	8 00
Briarcreek	8 06	.....	3 55	....
Willow Grove	8 10	11 50	3 59	8 11
Lime Ridge	8 14	11 56	4 04	8 1
Espy	8 21	12 04	4 11	8 2
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 12	4 17	8 30
Rupert	8 34	12 18	4 23	8 36
Catawissa	8 40	12 23	4 29	8 41
Danville	8 55	12 37	43	8 58
Caulasky	....	.....	4 49	...
Cameron	9 05	12 46	4 54	9 11
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 20	1 00	5 08	9 22
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.

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SOUTH.—ARRIVE.				STATIONS.	—NORTH LEAVE			
a.m.	a.m.	p.m	p.m.		a.m	p.m	p.m	a.m
7.10	11.40	6.30	2.40	Bloomsbu'g.	8.30	2 40	6.40	6.10
7.08	11.35	6.26	2.3	" P. & R.	8.33	2.42	6.44	6.13
7.03	11.32	6.24	2.28	" Main st..	8.36	2.45	6.47	
		6.20	2.32	Irondale..		2.47	6.50	6.25
6.53	11.23	6.12	2 20	Paper Mill.	8 44	2.54	6.58	6.37
6.50	11.20	6.09	2.15	Light St..	8.47	3.00	7.02	6.50
6.40	11.10	5.59	2.00	Orangeville.	8.56	3.10	7.10	7.10
6.29	11.01	5.48	1.35	Forks ...	9.06	3.20	7.20	7.35
6.25	10.58	5.44	1.30	Zaner's..	9.09	3.25	7.24	7.43
6.18	10.53	5.37	1.25	Stillwater..	9.13	3.30	7.29	8.00
6.08	10.43	5.27	1.10	Benton....	9.21	3.40	7.39	8.40
6.04	10.40	5.22	12.35	Edson's....	9.26	3.45	7.44	8.50
6.02	10.38	5.20	12.30	Cole's Cr'k.	9.28	3.47	7.48	8 53
5.58	10.35	5.16	12.25	Sugarloaf..	9.31	3.52	7.52	9.00
5.53	10.32	5.13	12 20	Laubach..	9.35	3.57	7.57	9.10
5.48	10.23	5.08	12.05	Central..	9.45	4.07	8.07	9 30
5.40	10.20	5.00	11.50	Jam. City..	9.50	4.10	8.10	9.40
am	a m	p m	p m		a m	p m	p m	a m
LEAVE					ARRIVE			

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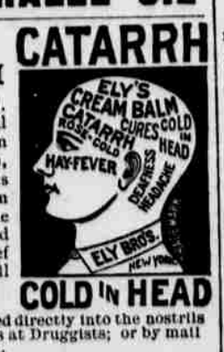

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	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Scranton(D & H)lv	6 45	$ 9 38	$ 2 50	$ 4 41
Pittston " "	7 08	110 00	f 2 28	5 06
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Wilkesbarre....lv	$ 7 30	$10 15	$ 3 15	$ 6 00
Plym'th Ferry "	f 7 38	10 20	f 3 21	f 6 04
Nanticoke..... "	7 46	10 27	3 29	6 15
Mocanaqua..... "	8 04	10 45	3 47	6 25
Wapwallopen.. "	8 13	10 55	3 57	6 46
Nescopeck .... ar	8 24	11 10	4 18	6 58
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
Pottsville.....lv	$ 6 00	$ 9 05	$ 1 10	.....
Hazleton ..... "	7 10	11 05	3 04	.....
Tomhicken..... "	7 30	11 25	3 22	.....
Fern Glen..... "	7 38	11 34	3 33	.....
Rock Glen..... "	7 43	11 40	f 3 39	.....
Nescopeck..... ar	8 07	.....	4 08	.....
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
Nescopeck.....lv	$ 8 24	$11 10	$ 4 08	.....
Creasy..... "	8 33	Via	4 17	.....
Espy Ferry..... "	f 8 43	Rock	f 4 27	.....
E. Bloomsburg"	8 47	Glen	4 32	.....
		P. M.		
Catawissa..... ar	8 55	12 18	4 39	.....
Catawissa..... lv	8 55	12 18	4 39	.....
S. Danville..... "	9 14	12 34	4 57	.....
Sunbury..... "	9 35	12 55	5 20	.....
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Sunbury..... lv	$ 9 4	$ 1 00	$ 5 40	.....
Lewisburg.... ar	10 1	1 45	6 10	.....
Milton..... "	10 0	1 39	6 06	.....
Williamsport.. "	11 0	2 30	7 00	.....
Lock Haven.... "	12 0	3 32	8 00	.....
Renovo ..... "	P. M	4 33	9 00	.....
Kane..... "	.....	8 15	.....	.....
	P. M.	P. M.		
Lock Haven...lv	$12 10	$3 45	.....	.....
Bellefonte.....ar	1 05	4 44	.....	.....
Tyrone..... "	2 15	6 00	.....	.....
Philipsburg.... "	4 28	8 36	.....	.....
Clearfield ..... "	5 06	9 09	.....	.....
Pittsburg ..... "	7 40	11 30	.....	.....
		A. M.	P. M.	
Sunbury.....lv		$ 1 55	$ 1 30	.....
Harrisburg....ar		$11 30	$ 3 20	.....
	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Philadelphia .ar	$ 3 00	f 6 13	f 1 21	.....
Baltimore..... "	$ 3 10	f 6 00	f10 40	.....
Washington "	$ 4 10	f 7 15	.....	.....
	A. M.	P. M.		
Sunbury lv	$10 05	$ 2 45	.....	.....
	P. M.			
Lewistown Jc ar	12 5	$ 4 37	.....	.....
Pittsburg..... "	7 40	$11 30	.....	.....
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Harrisburg..... lv	$ 11 45	13 50	f 7 30	.....
	P. M.		A. M.	
Pittsburg .....ar	f 7 00	f1130	$ 2 00	.....

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Pittsburg.....lv	f 7 05	P. M. f 3 10	.....	A. M. f 8 00
Harrisburg.....ar	A. M. $ 2 10	A. M. $ 3 30	.....	P. M. f 3 10
		A. M.		A. M.
Pittsburg.....lv	.....	.....	.....	f 8 00
				P. M.
Lewistown Jc."	.....	f 7 30	.....	f 3 1
Sunbury.....ar	.....	f 9 18	.....	f 5 10
	P. M.	A. M.		A. M.
Washington....lv	f10 40	.....	.....	f10 50
Baltimore..... "	f11 50	f 4 55	.....	f12 00
Philadelphia... "	f11 20	f 4 30	.....	f12 25
	A. M.	A. M.		P. M.
Harrisburg..... lv	f 3 30	f 8 05	.....	f 3 55
Sunbury..... ar	f 5 08	f 9 38	.....	f 5 35
	P. M.			A. M.
Pittsburg.....lv	$ 1 00	.....	.....	$ 8 00
Clearfield ..... "	4 09	.....	.....	9 21
Philipsburg.. "	4 56	.....	.....	10 14
Tyrone..... "	7 15	.....	.....	12 30
Bellefonte..... "	8 31	.....	.....	1 42
Lock Haven...ar	9 30	.....	.....	2 43
				A. M.
Erie..... lv	f 3 25	.....	.....	f 8 30
Kane..... "	7 05	.....	.....	10 25
Renovo..... "	10 25	.....	.....	P. M.
Lock Haven.... "	11 25	f 7 20	.....	12 00
	A. M.			4 00
Williamsport.. "	3 25	8 20	.....	4 56
Milton ..... "	4 12	9 22	.....	4 47
Lewisburg..... "	.....	9 15	.....	5 25
Sunbury..... ar	4 36	9 50	.....	P. M.
	A. M.	A. M.		f 5 43
Sunbury.....lv	f 5 25	f 9 55	.....	6 07
S. Danville..... "	5 48	10 17	.....	6 26
Catawissa..... "	6 08	10 35	.....	6 53
E. Bloomsburg"	Via	10 43	.....	f 6 58
Espy Ferry..... "	Rock	f10 47	.....	6 48
Creasy ..... "	Glen.	10 56	.....	6 58
Nescopeck....ar	8 07	11 10	.....	P. M.
	A. M.	A. M.		f 6 18
Nescopeck.....lv	.....	f11 10	.....	7 22
Rock Glen.....ar	f 6 52	f11 35	.....	7 27
Fern Glen..... "	6 59	11 43	.....	7 34
Tomhicken..... "	7 10	11 54	.....	
		P. M.		
Hazleton ..... "	7 37	12 15	.....	7 56
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Nescopeck.....lv	f 8 07	f11 10	f 4 08	f 6 58
Wapwallopen.ar	8 18	11 22	4 20	7 09
Mocanaqua..... "	8 28	11 32	4 32	7 21
Nanticoke ..... "	8 48	11 54	4 53	7 42
		P. M.		
Plym'th Ferry "	f 8 56	12 02	5 01	f 7 52
Wilkesbarre..... "	9 05	12 10	5 10	8 00
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Pittston(D & H) ar	f 9 41	f12 49	f 5 54	f 8 32
Scranton " "	10 10	1 16	6 21	9 03

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For Catawissa weekdays 7.35, 11.45 a. m., 12.20, 3.20 5.00. 6.33, p. m.

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Leave Tamaqua 1.27 a. m.,

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Leave Catawissa weekdays, 7.00, 8.20 a. m. 1.30 3.30, 6.15.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1897.

The inauguration of McKinley as President of the United States will take place one week from to-day.

THE SITUATION.

The situation in and about Havana is at present decidedly in favor of the insurgents. The winter season is now fast drawing to a close, and the rebellion no nearer ended than it was when the Cuban patriots shouldered their arms to battle for freedom The number of men under General Gomez is increased, and this great leader is drawing nearer to Havana, the walls of which act as a shelter to the inhuman Weyler, who has been continually boasting that he would end the rebellion before the spring season.

The method of warfare employed by butcher Weyler is proving to be a dismal failure. He has succeeded, with the assistance of the base treachery of Dr. Zertucha, in murdering the brave leader Maceo, whose death he had thought would dishearten the Cubans, and at once cause their surrender, but his hopes were never materialized, as the martyr's place has been taken and is being ably filled by the heroic Gomez, who is closing in upon his oppressors, and driving them back whenever opportunity presents itself.

Spain's hopes are growing fainter, day by day, her resources are totally exhausted, and we venture the assertion that the end of this conflict, and Cuban freedom is not far distant.

How Changeable.

Not long ago, when the Turks were butchering the poor Armenians by the hundreds, and committing many other outrages, the whole world tried to make believe that they were in sympathy with the latter and that they were itching for a chance to repay Turkey for their atrocious acts. But now when Greece wants to take the whole world's battle all alone, the unsatisfied old world is afraid little Greece might gain a few feet of territory, so she stands with her face to the wall and says: "You must let Turkey alone." There is no country under the sun that needs a good sound thrashing worse than Turkey, and if this can be accomplished by Greece everything will run a great deal smoother.

Unwise Federal Economy.

The House Naval Committee has certainly put its foot down with a vengeance upon the Federal policy of the upbuilding of the new navy. Secretary Herbert's recommendation to Congress was that three new battleships should be added to the Federal fleet. Such an addition would, if adopted, increase the number of that class of men-of-war to fourteen. But the exceedingly economic House committee confines its generosity to the recommendation of one solitary new battleship. The provision for one composite sailing vessel for use at the Naval Academy has been rendered unavoidable by the dispatch of the Bancroft to Oriental waters. Captain Mahan's book on "The Sea Power in History" ought to be read aloud to these committeemen in extra session.

Not only is the navy still in need of a steady battleship policy, but the peculiar feature of the proposed three new battleships was to have been their extreme deep load draught of only 23 feet. As the President of the War College at Newport has reported, "the close study of the Gulf of Mexico which has been carried on by the Navy Department's orders shows it to be essential to the success of defensive naval campaigns that the United States shall be able to use for our fighting ships those harbors which Nature has provided. Although possessing bases or fleets in that region, the fact that there is not enough depth of water for our fighting ships to enter them will render them of but slight benefit to us." Consideration of strategy would seem to urge the building of several battleships fitted for Gulf warfare.—*Record.*

The Luzerne County Commissioners have decided to increase the county tax two mills, and bonds to the amount of $90,000 will be issued.

HIS CHIEF PURPOSE.

Hanna feels rather exuberant since his appointment to fill the unexpired term of Sherman and has announced his intentions as senator. He says: "As far as my policy goes it will be to aid the McKinley administration and, in particular, to assist in framing at once a tariff bill which will seek to restore confidence to the country and give a stimulus to our industries. That is now the chief purpose of my life."

One of the chief, Mark, one of the chief. In this purpose will not be sacrificed so much attention and time as to make the senator forgetful of the affairs of the business man. The senator will not become so absent-minded as to unwittingly raise the wages of his miners to something above the life sustaining limit. He will never so far forget other chief purposes of his life as to pay living wages to his lake sailors. He will not in a fit of abstraction sell any of the vessels upon the sale of which depends so much to their builders. No other chief purpose of his life will for an instant induce him to neglect an opportunity to engineer a corner in a necessary of life.

We believe, however, that he is much interested in "my policy," in "aiding the administration" and the framing of a tariff bill. There are political debts to pay and tariff and revenue dividends to be declared. There are interests to be rewarded and others to be punished. The McKinley presidential combine must be given what it wants and it can be helped best by a friend at court. It will write its own schedules and Hanna will tell the senate these are what the people demand. It will write schedules for the punishment of the contumacious, and these will, by Michael Angelo Hanna, be painted with the colors of popularity and mounted in the frame of occasion.

Hanna has only one chief purpose in life, though there be many chapters of it, and that purpose is to further the interests of an Ohio gentleman whose name begins with H.—*Patriot.*

PENNSYLVANIA'S VIEW.

The State Representatives' Sarcasm Concerning the Cretan Affair.

On Tuesday in the House of Representatives the following severe resolution, introduced by Mr. Cray, of Luzerne, was adopted:

Resolved (if the Senate concur): That the sympathy of the Legislature of Pennsylvania is hereby extended to the Powers of Russia, England, Germany, Austria and Italy in their heroic struggle to protect suffering Turkey from the aggressions of the "unspeakable Greek;" also, that we recommend to his Excellency, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, the advisability of immediately dispatching Commander William M. Kidd with a fleet of Schuylkill River tugboats to assist the aforesaid Powers in blockading the ports of Greece; also, that Colonel James B. Coryell be directed to arm the Lycoming County Tigers to the teeth and hold them in readiness to be transported to the scene of hostilities at a day's notice.

WORK OF THE FLOODS.

Scores of Lives Lost and Two Million Dollars Damage Done.

AWFUL TALE OF WATERS WORK AT PITTSBURG.

A score of people have already been drowned by the floods, as known, and it is believed that further fatalities will be reported as soon as communication can be had with exposed villages in out-of-the-way places.

In and near Pittsburg the property loss is estimated at $1,000,000, while 10,000 workmen are forced to abandon flooded mills, and 5000 persons have fled from inundated homes. A single glass plant is ruined, at a loss of $300,000.

Carnegie's Edgar Thomson Steel Works, the Westinghouse Electric plant and other immense industrial works are flooded out.

Connections between trolley cars were made in skiffs by many Pittsburgers, while workmen rowed home and met their families at second-story windows.

A great coal fleet in the Monongahela broke loose, and half of it was wrecked against bridge piers, at a very large loss.

FLOATED IN HIS COFFIN.

Early Tuesday morning the water rose in the house of John Holland. In a coffin downstairs lay the body of Mr. Holland, awaiting interment. The water filled the room and floated the coffin about with its lifeless freight until morning, when Undertaker W. W. Hunter came to take it away, but had to desist.

Half a dozen funerals were postponed in McKeesport. At Dravosburg 100 houses are hidden, and many more partially under water.

It was queer Tuesday night to see men coming home from work in skiffs, climbing up porches and entering second-story windows to greet their wives and little ones.

FAILURE HASTENED HIS DEATH.

Banker Anthony S. Morrow, of Hollidaysburg, Expires.

Greatly depressed by the recent failure for $350.000 of the banking firms in which he was a partner (Gardner, Morrow & Co., the Martinsburg Deposit Bank and the Williamsburg Bank), Anthony S. Morrow, president of the defunct bank, died of paralysis at his Hollidaysburg home Thursday night. He was 74 years old and was one of the projectors of the Cresson, Coalport & New York Short Route Railroad, and was identified with the Juniata Ganister Company and other industrial plants. He served for three successive terms as Prothonotary of Blair County, and was one of the best-known citizens of that place. He leaves a widow, but no children.

Married.

FAUX—SHAW. At the home of the bride's mother, at Town Hill, Feb. 17, 1897, by Rev. S. A. Creveling, Mr. Charles K. Faux and Miss M. Caroline Shaw both of Town Hill, Luzerne Co., Pa.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of levari facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain messuage tenement and piece of ground situate in the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of Second and Iron streets, in the town of Bloomsburg aforesaid, thence northwardly along the west side of Iron street, eighty-six feet from southeast corner or store building as now located, and other land of Lucinda Seesholtz, thence westwardly and parallel with Second street aforesaid twenty-one and one-half feet to lot of Mrs. Daniel Robbins, thence by the same southwardly along said lot eighty-six feet to Second street aforesaid, thence eastwardly along said Second street twenty-one and one-half feet to the corner aforesaid, the place of beginning; on which is erected a two-story

FRAME STORE BUILDING,

and frame addition.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Lucinda Seesholtz vs. Mathias L. Kline, and to be sold as the property of Mathias L. Kline.

J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.

Geyer, Freeze & Harman, Attorneys. 2-25-ts.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday March 22nd 1897, by L. H. Wolfe, E. H. Eisenhart, Nathan Yingst, G. M. Tustin and C. W. Miller under the act of assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain incorporations" approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended incorporation to be called the "Bloomsburg Match Company" the character and object of which is the manufacturing and sale of matches and the manufacturing of match machinery from iron, wood or other metal and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and privileges of said Act of Assembly and its supplements

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1897,

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon,

All that certain messuage, tenement or tract of land situate partly in Cooper township, Montour County, Pennsylvania, and partly in Montour township, Columbia County, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a white oak stump on line of lands of Peter Baylor and Eli Baylor at corner of lands of Jeremiah Beaver; thence by lands of said Jeremiah Beaver south 82 degrees west 125 1-10 perches to a stone; thence 2 degrees 10 minutes east, 65 perches to a stone corner in line of land of Frederick Block; thence by land of said Frederick Block, north 85¼ degrees west 55 perches to a black oak stump; thence by land of Ramsey heirs south 3¾ degrees west 81 perches to a post; thence by lands of Ramsey heirs and lands of Henry Schram 76¾ degrees west 154 5-10 perches to a stone corner; thence by land formerly of Henry Uttenmiller, south 16½ degrees east 95 9-10 perches to a post; thence by lands of Jeremiah Snyder, north 75 degrees east 52 4-10 perches to a stone corner; thence by lands of Jeremiah Snyder and M. S. Ridgeway, south 16 degrees, 50 minutes east 57 4-10 perches to a maple sprout corner; thence by lands of Mathias Faust, north 73¾ degrees east 101 5-10 perches to a stone corner; thence south 17 1-2 degrees east 12 5-10 perches to a black oak corner; thence north 71 1-2 degrees east 42 perches to a stone corner; thence south 18 degrees east 16 5-10 perches to a post and stone corner; thence by land of Henry Wertman, north 80¼ degrees east 67 6-10 perches to a stone corner of lands of Daniel Cotner; thence north 18 degrees west 28 7-10 perches to a stone corner; thence north 80 degrees east, 34 5-10 perches to a stone corner of lands of John Elfert; thence north 3¾ degrees east 151 2-10 perches along lands of John Elfert, Peter Baylor and Eli Baylor to white oak corner, the place of beginning, containing

275 ACRES,

and 44 perches of land strict measure, be the same more or less. Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances.

The said I. W. Willits having, subsequent to the making of the mortgage under which the sale is to be made, sold portions of the above mentioned tract of land to different parties, the above described tract will be sold in parts corresponding with such sale made by said Willits, in the inverse order of the dates of sales by said Willits, except as to a balance of purchase money remaining unpaid upon a sale by Articles of Agreement to Bruce Ploch, and therefore the order of sales, unless modified by an order of Court, will be as follows:

1st. Sale of a portion of said land sold by said Willits to Lewis Thomas, bounded by lands of Mathias Appleman, Henry Wertman, Daniel Cotner, John Elfert, Peter and Eli Baylor and others, containing

125 ACRES,

and 24 perches more or less, situate partly in Cooper township, Montour County, and partly in Montour township, Columbia County, State of Pennsylvania; on which are erected a two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

frame bank barn, wagon shed, and has a spring near the house, with fruit trees, about 75 acres cleared land, being situate about half way between Bloomsburg and Danville, and about one half mile from Grovania.

2nd. A portion of said land sold by said Willits under Articles of Agreement to Bruce Plouch, to the amount of the unpaid purchase money remaining unpaid to said Willits, situate partly in Montour township, said County of Columbia, and partly in Cooper township, Montour County, Pennsylvania, containing about

84 ACRES

of land, upon which are erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

bank barn, and wagon shed, and has a spring near the house; about 30 acres cleared land; bounded by lands of Joseph Brebenzer, Charles Ploch, Henry Schram and others.

3rd. Sale of a portion of said land sold by said Willits to John H. Elfert, situate in Cooper township, Montour County, State of Pennsylvania, bounded by land of Henry Schram, Jeremiah Snyder and others, containing about

35 ACRES,

and 15 perches, more or less, about eleven acres cleared.

4th. Sale of the above mentioned part sold by said Willits to Bruce Ploch, without reference to the amount of purchase money remaining unpaid.

5th. Sale of the portion sold by said Willits to Charles Ploch, situate in Montour township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, bounded by lands of the above mentioned purchasers and others, containing

30 ACRES,

and 70 perches more or less, about 20 acres cleared.

More particular description of the several parts will be given at the time of the sale, and the sale in parts will be made until sufficient proceeds may be realized for the payment of the moneys necessary to satisfy the Writ of Lavari Facias.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Isaiah W. Willits, the mortgager, with notice to Lewis Thomas, Kate P. Willits, John H. Elfert, Bruce Polch, Fred Ploch and Charles Ploch, terre tenants.

J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.

CHARLES G. BARKLEY, Sheriff's Office,
Atty. for Plaintiff. Bloomsburg, Pa., Feb. '97

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Cross	7.00	14.00	Common	.50	1.00
Red	1.50	2 00	Musk Rat	.20	.25
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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1897.

Entered at the Post Office at Bloomsburg, Pa. as second class matter, March 1, 1888.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Miss Mame Gruver of Nanticoke, visited friends in town this week.

Louis Bernhard Jr., of Catawissa Sunday-d with his parents in town.

John Campton, of Scranton, was a Bloomsburg visitor on Friday.

Wilbur E. Fisher of East Street spent Sunday with friends at Hazleton.

George Beagle of Buck Horn, was among the callers to our office on Tuesday.

John Sheep of Milton visited over Sunday with D. M. Sheep and family on East St.

Miss Miriam Hess of Shenandoah is visiting the home of George Herring on East St.

Mrs. C. B. Chrisman, who has been visiting friends in Wilkesbarre, returned home on Monday.

Miss Effie Wagner of Montgomery, is a visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. N. Wilson.

J. K. Lockard and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Freas Hicks at Hummelstown this week.

J. P. Fredericks and wife returned home on Friday from a visit to relatives and friends in New Jersey.

Thomas Ruckle, a former Bloomsburger, now of Dewart, Pa., was in town calling on old friends on Monday.

Art Colley, foreman of the Brass and Copper Company at Shickshinny, was a visitor to town over Sunday.

W. D. Holmes and wife of Catawissa, visited the former's parents, corner of First and West Street, over Sunday.

Misses Gertrude and Bertha Reese, of Scranton, were the guests of Miss Mae Evans, on Fourth Street over Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Sheep, who is employed as book keeper at the Shamokin Steam Bakery, spent Sunday with her mother in town.

Edward Furman a drug clerk of Shenandoah, visited his mother on East Street last week. He returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. G. W. Enterline left on Wednesday morning to visit a brother, who is sick at Wilkes Barre.

Lent begins next Wednesday, March 3rd.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw at the Normal Auditorium tomorrow night, 26th.

Don't forget the supper at the Parish House tonight. It will be given by the choir for the organ fund.

Argument in the Neal case was heard by Judge Metzgar, of Williamsport on Tuesday.

Don't fail to hear Rev. Anna H. Shaw on Friday evening at the Normal.

The attendance at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, both morning and evening was very large, the services were conducted by the newly elected pastor Rev. G. H. Hemmingway.

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Legal advertisements on page 7.

A pleasant time was had by a four-horse load of Berwick young people at the home of Miss Greta Cox, on Friday night. A number from town was also present.

At revival meetings conducted by the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lewistown, 1,500 people have professed conversion. The revival continues unabated.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw's splendid lecture of last year induced the management to secure her again this year. She will speak at the Normal on Friday evening. Don't miss it.

There was no meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Sunday, the Secretary being in attendance at the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Reading.

The vacancy caused by the death of Associate Judge Millard, will be filled by appointment by the Governor, and the person thus appointed will occupy the office, until a successor is elected at the next general election, which will occur in January 1898.

The family of William Giger, proprietor of the Railroad House, corner of East and Sixth Streets were thoroughly frightened on Tuesday evening by the explosion of a coal oil lamp. The oil spread over the table cover which was wrapt in flames in an instant, but by prompt action the fire was smothered before any further damage was done.

At the regular meeting of the M. E. Sunday School board, held one evening last week, the folllowing officers were elected for the ensuing year: F B. Hartman, Superintendent; O. H. Yetter, Asst. Supt.; Mrs. L. N. Moyer, lady Asst. Supt.; S. D. Neyhard, Secretary; S. E. Reynolds, Treasurer; E. H. Fornwald, Librarian.

The following letters are advertised February 23rd, 1897. Miss Whilamene Deily, Mr. Joseph H. Feigh, Mr. Elbert E. Hawkins, T. R. Hedges, Mr. John Johnston, Clinton Scott, John F. Van Horn, Mr. A. D. Whiteing, Mrs. Sebina Yost. Will be sent to the dead letter office March 9th, 1897.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

Privileged Characters.

Four Buffalo newspaper reporters were caught by the police at a prize fight recently and arrested along with the other spectators. The court held the spectators, but refused to hold the reporters, saying it was a principle of law, as well as common sense, that three kinds of men are permitted to go anywhere without blame—doctors, clergymen and reporters.

Begins His Long Sentence.

Dr. Johnston Taken From New Bloomfield to the Eastern Penitentiary.

Thomas L. Johnston, of Duncannon, who was sentenced to twenty years' solitary confinement in the Eastern penitentiary by Judge Lyons at New Bloomfield, after being convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Druggist George S. Henry at Duncannon last September, was on Friday taken to the penitentiary by the sheriff and two deputy sheriffs of Perry county.

The party boarded a Pennsylvania railroad train at Newport Friday morning. Johnston was not handcuffed and when the train reached the Broad Street station Friday afternoon the sheriff took his prisoner into the restaurant in the station and Johnston, the sheriff and the deputies had luncheon. When they had finished the prisoner was taken to the penitentiary. There was talk of lynching Dr. Johnston and for this reason the sheriff did not board the train at Duncannon.

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"The Press" never misses an opportunity to give to the public the best information obtainable concerning current events. In its arrangements to cover the great fight, it is more than keeping up this record. Get "The Press" each day.

FORKS.

We understand petitions to court will soon be made out, having the signatures of the citizens, living on the north and west side of the dilapidated suspension bridge, urging the court to recognize the necessity of the reconstruction of the bridge and recognizing this bridge as essential as any bridge in the township or any highway. Where the depot and postoffice are located this bridge must be repaired on a sound basis, and the sooner the better. We can't afford to go around Cape Horn to reach the depot and postoffice—that is by the Jonestown bridge near the schoolhouse. It would cost but a small amount of money to repair the bridge, and our popular postmaster John Harrison, offers to render material help in the matter. The bridge must be repaired as a matter of public necessity.

Miss Grace Amerman, one of our popular young ladies, has been doing some fine visiting up the river and also in Greenwood recently.

Mrs. Lena McIntyre is making a home visit from Elmira. She is much pleased with Elmira and her home there. She proposes to remain at least a month.

We understand that E. J. Bowman is expected to address the Veterans and Sons of Veterans of Catawissa ere long for the purpose of building a monument for the soldiers there. Bowman is a veteran himself. The preparations will be ample with other organizations forming a daylight or torchligh procession, perhaps the latter. The address will take place in the Opera House there.

Centralia Wants a Library.

The Philadelphia *Times* is offering a library to the three educational institutions in the state receiving the highest number of votes on coupons printed daily in that paper. The Centralia High School has entered the fight, and is doing well, as it now stands sixth in the list. It is the only school in the county that stands a chance of winning, and it ought to be helped. All persons who get the *Times* are requested to cut out the coupons marked "general" and leave them at this office, and we will forward them to Miss Lizzie Moran of Centralia, a teacher in the school, and a graduate of the Normal. The names of the contributors will be made known. The voting closes on April 1st. tf.

The P. O. S. of A., of town attended services in a body at the Baptist Church on Sunday morning. The sermon delivered by the pastor Rev. Mr. Tinker was an excellent one.

"Any invention that is connected with the name of Thomas A. Edison is something worth seeing. His latest wonder, the Projectoscope, will be on exhibition at the Grand Opera House three nights commencing February 25th. This famous machine puts life into pictures. It produces scenes from all parts of the world in a most realistic manner and it is very difficult for the audience to realize that they are only looking at a picture on a screen. There are numerous views including a company of National Guard Soldiers at Drill; a christmas run by the Harrisburg fire department; a farmer's troubles taken on Front Street, Harrisburg; The Empire State Express on the New York Central Railroad; a morning bath in which is seen a young colored mother washing her little pickaninny; the lone fisherman giving an idea what may happen any——angler; scenes in New York and on the ocean; the bucking broncho; Passaic Falls New Jersey; four of the greatest fire scenes ever presented, in which firemen are seen at work and rescuing people from burning buildings; down on the farm feeding the doves; and many others. This entertainment is one that draws the most fashionable audiences wherever the Projectoscope has been exhibited and the people of this place should attend at least one of these exhibitions. No one goes away dissatisfied. Popular prices will prevail. Watch the advertisement in the local papers. Secure your reserved seats in advance at the usual place.

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MR. EDITOR,
Dear Sir:

I take this method of informing the readers of your valuable paper that I have opened a music store on Main Street, opposite the St. Elmo Hotel, where they will find a full line of musical instruments from a Jewsharp to a Cabinet Grand Piano. Strings for all kinds of instruments. All goods sold at city prices. Sheet music at half the regular price. Every body invited to call. We came here to make new friends, and keep the old.

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has no equal as a remedy for coughs, colds, and lung diseases. Where other soothing elixirs palliate, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral heals. It is not a cheap cough syrup, which soothes but does not strengthen; it is a physician's cough remedy, and it cures. It is put up in large bottles, only, for household use. It was awarded the medal at the World's Fair of ninety-three. It has a record of

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Dress Trimmings.

You know the line of these goods we usually show. Just now we are showing the Spring Dress Trimmings. In addition Braids, Boleros, Loops, Buttons, Bands, black and colored Jet Edgings, Yokes, Collars, Fronts, Chiffon Fronts, Bead and Braid Boleros. It will pay you to inspect this line.

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P. S. BIG BARGAINS in any COATS we have yet. Don't you think it will pay you to investigate?

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In our Special Linen Sale Which Closes March 6th, we are Helping Many House-keepers to a Cheap Supply of

Table cloths by the yard, and in patterns at reduced prices.

To towels in huck, in Turkish, in damask, at ⅓ off regular prices.

To stamped linens, some of them about half price.

To stamped table covers with fringe from 50c. to 39c.

To bureau sets, from 98c. to 65c.

To children's bibs, from 8c. to 4c. From 10c. to 6c. From 15c. to 9c.

To plush pillow covers, from $1 00 to 75c.

Many of these goods will be gone before you come unless you act quickly.

We still have a line of Ladies' Muslin Underwear, which was in our two week sale, and have decided to let them go at the marked down price.

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THEATRICAL GOSSIP.

THE FUTURE OF GRAND OPERA IN NEW YORK.

An Interesting Contribution on the Subject by Maurice Grau—John Hare Speaks of the Differences Between English and American Audiences.

Regarding the future of opera in New York, and the large salaries paid to the principals, Mr. Grau said recently: "New York is too important a musical centre to be deprived of opera even for a season. The public is exacting, perhaps too much so, being absolutely unwilling to put up with any thing but the very best. I don't think, however, that such a company as ours could be duplicated anywhere. The salaries of the leading artists I don't regard as extravagant, as some would have the public believe, in view of what the same artists can earn elsewhere. The salaries of most of them, it is true, have increased since their first visit to America, but in many cases these increases were provided for in contracts which were for terms of years

MAURICE GRAU.

"Mme. Melba received during the present season fully sixty per cent more salary than during her first year here; Mme. Calve, nearly double what she received during her first season; M. Plancon, double; Signor Ancona, double; Mme. Eames, nearly five times as much as we paid her at first, while Mme. Nordica last season received nearly two and one-half times what we paid her during the season she began with us. MM. de Reszke are an exception to the rule, their fixed salaries and percentages never increasing since their initial engagement; on the contrary, wonderful to relate, a change being made in the percentage in favor of the management.

Mr. John Hare, the English comedian, in a recent interview, said: The English actor finds the American audience unusually quick of response. Its applause of a jest, a merry situation, a clever line, accompanies rather than follows the moving cause; they catch its meaning almost before the line is finished. They anticipate the point rather than wait for it, and they are often ahead of the actor. But it must be humor of action and

JOHN HARE.

speech that they can understand. They do not seem to care for humorous dialogue that they do not thoroughly comprehend. Thus, in "The Hobby Horse" there are passages that evoked roars of laughter in London but were received here in a dead calm of silence that almost took our breath away. If anything is depressing to the comedian it is to rattle off a speech that has never failed to evoke merriment, and when he reaches the climax, to find that he alone is laughing and that a profoundly inquiring look is on the faces of the audience, as though to ask, "Well, what in the world is he laughing at?" That he ever laughs again during the evening is a marvel. One such chilling reception of his possibly best line is enough to take all the spirit out of him, to make him dread the next speech of a similar kind that may be coming his way. "The English Actor on the New York Stage" notices one marked difference between London and New York, I am told, in the manner in which popular disapproval of a play is shown. I have been so kindly treated that I have not had personal experience of a flat out-and-out failure, which is hissed, but I know that in London we sometimes have a most obstreperous element present, who will not only hiss a play roundly, but will make it emphatically understood that they want it stopped, then and there. And, not satisfied with hissing the play, they will even demand the author, and when they get him out, hiss him, too. Here, I am told, the audience show their displeasure in profound silence, or mock laughter; that, instead of hissing a poor play, they will pick up their wraps and leave the theatre. With us they want the play taken off; here they take themselves off, I believe, which is certainly much more dignified and self-respecting, an example of good manners that might well be copied.

ROSE FANCHON.

BOOKS READ AT SING SING.

"Never Too Late to Mend" is Most Popular Among Convict Readers.

Many records have been made among different people to obtain "the favorite author." None has revealed more astonishing results than a two months' record kept by the librarian of Sing Sing Prison.

The most popular author in Sing Sing year in and year out is Charles Reade, and the most popular book is "Never Too Late to Mend." There are about thirteen hundred convicts in the prison, and in two months 463 of them read this book, which has been responsible for many reforms in prisons. Next on the list comes "Put Yourself in His Place," with 436 readers.

Charles Lever's "Charles O'Malley" comes next in favor, with the same author's "Tom Burke of Our's" following, which is pushed hard by Bulwer Lytton's "Paul Clifford."

Samuel Lover's "Rory O'More" is next. Dumas's "Monte Cristo" is his most popular book. Dickens ranks next with "David Copperfield" in the lead, and "The Tale of the Two Cities," with its wonderful convict pictures, third in favor.

Conan Doyle, with Sherlock Holmes, is the first modern author who is at all in favor. Capt. Kink's "Deserter" comes next. Capt. Marryatt's "Mr. Midshipman Easy" leads the sea tales. Wilkie Collins's "Moonstone" and Black's "Shandon Bells" are next in demand. Then come "Lorna Doone" and "Vanity Fair." The only woman's book that is popular is "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Love stories are not wanted. —New York World.

The Contractor Was Discharged.

Franklin W. Smith, a Boston contractor, was tried by court-martial and found guilty of pocketing a thousand or two dollars out of a contract with the Navy department for supplies. The report of the court-martial was sent to President Lincoln for his examination, who returned it with this characteristic endorsement:

"Whereas, Franklin W. Smith had transactions with the United States Navy Department to a million and a quarter of dollars, and had the chance to steal a quarter of a million; and whereas, he was charged with stealing only ten thousand dollars, and from the final revision of the testimony it is only claimed that he stole one hundred dollars, I don't believe he stole anything at all.

Therefore, the records of the court-martial, together with the finding and sentence, are disapproved, declared null and void, and the defendant is fully discharged.

CURRENT HUMOR.

Author: "Here are some thoughts that burn."

Editor: "Well, hold on to them, and I'll see that you both get fired."

Dobson: "Shakespeare never repeated. He was original in everything."

Smiley: "Guess that's so. He didn't even spell his own name twice alike."

"Is that report true about the cashier of the Confidence Bank committing suicide?"

"It is, poor fellow. He was caught when he had embezzled only $1,200. The disgrace was more than he could bear."—Indianapolis Journal.

Nerve Strain—"It must be a good deal of a strain to run a trolley car," said the talkative man on the platform.

"You bet it is," said the motorman. "W'y, when I go along fer two or t'ree weeks without runnin' over anybody I git so nervous I can't eat nor sleep." —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Priscilla—Jack is the oddest fellow. He took me driving yesterday, and when we were seven miles from home he said if I wouldn't promise to marry him he'd make me get out and walk back.

Penelope—Did you walk back?

Priscilla—No, but the horse did.—Truth.

"When I was your age," said Mr. Cumrox sternly, "I earned my own living."

His son looked uneasy, but was silent.

"Well, have you nothing to say for yourself in that connection?"

"N—nothing, sir, except that I sympathize with you and congratulate you on the fact that it's all over with."—Washington Star.

"The Green Bag" tells this story of Judge Wilson, of Ohio: "Several lawyers gathered in Judge Wilson's room after adjournment of court, and were discussing the retirement of a member of the bar. Among them was one whose practice is worth $25,000 a year. He said: 'I have been practising several years, and am well fixed. I have thought I should like to retire and devote my remaining years to studies I have neglected. 'Study law,' said Judge Wilson."

RIGHT IN IT.

Old Spurhumper—Speaking of coasting. Well, say!

New Religious Sect.

Strange Tenets of Belief of the Comeouters of South Carolina.

The Comeouters is a new religious sect which is sweeping away old church alignments among the rural devotees of South Carolina. These people have as their champion Rev. John Ellenbag, who moves about from place to place, carrying the people with him by a strange power. In general principles they are baptistic, but hold that a man must be rebaptized every time he commits sin. So many were the family divisions at first attended by efforts of the converted to bring them to the new faith that continual wrangles ensued. It was no new thing to see the whole body of Comeouters baptized anew every day, so much so that Cedar creek was kept muddy.

The Comeouters acknowledge no leader but Christ, no discipline but the Bible, recognizing nothing like a session, presbytery, synod or general assembly, no association or mission boards. They have no church roll, never open or close the doors of the church, have no clerk, depending entirely upon the recording angel to write the names of true believers in the Book of Life and to blot them out if they backslide. They allege that the church is God's, and that none but he can open or close its door, and that none but he can receive and exclude members, and that he alone can enforce the Bible discipline.

The Comeouters believe in man's free agency, and when one professes faith in Christ the preacher baptizes him by immersion. If the convert backslides and is reclaimed, he must be reimmersed. And only such are true members of the church as the Comeouters call themselves. They preach the doctrine of "the new birth," that it occurs among all denominations, but none will remain except such as "fulfill all righteousness" by submitting to immersion and having their feet washed.

They further believe that the day of physical miracles has not passed, that miracles are as frequent and necessary to life and prosperity of the church now as they were in the days of the apostles, and that their wonder and power, as formerly, is according to the faith of the performer and the subject. They sell all their property when they have any and live in common, awaiting the coming of the Lord. —*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS ITEMS.

—While washing dishes at Tower City, Mrs. Edward Figley was totally blinded by a paralytic stroke.

—Court at Pottsville last week, refused seventy-six new applicants for liquor license in Schuylkill County and granted sixty-five.

—Eastern Pennsylvania German Baptists have established a home for their aged and infirm poor near Manheim, and paid for a $5000 farm therefor.

—Heirs at Plymouth of the late Peter Snyder have sued the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company for $250,000 on a claim to coal lands which he owned.

—For the alleged theft of jewelry worth $1700 and $300 cash from Shippowitz at West Hazleton, last week, Henry Agers has been arrested in New York.

—About 4000 Democratic voters of Northampton County are formally charged by Republicans before the Court as having illegally voted at last fall's election.

—An alleged change of horses, to get one that was'nt afraid of firecrackers, or guns on the evening of his wife's murder, is to be used against Kaiser on his trial at Norristown.

—The Senate on Thursday last confirmed these postmasters: Pennsylvania—J. S. Gale, Mulford, Pike County; J. M. White, Evans City, Butler County; and J. G. Cobler, Everett, Bedford County.

—John O. Matthews, founder of the Ancient Order of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, died at Reading last week. Deceased was born in Maryland, and was 79 years of age. He was a conductor on the Reading Railroad for a period of thirty years.

Dr. Thomas L. Johnston, of New Bloomfield, who so cruelly murdered his next door neighbor, Druggist, George S. Henry, last September, and who was convicted of murder in the second degree, was on Thursday last sentenced by Judge Lyons, to twenty years solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary. This is the full extent allowed by law.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over ¼ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15cts. and 25cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN O

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THE COLUMBIAN

BASE BALL NOTES.

It has been settled and pitcher Dolan, of the Bostons, is to go to Kansas City.

The management of the Louisville club are trying to secure second baseman Stewart of Indianopolis, and are offering to exchange Johnson, beside giving a cash bonus for him.

Argument on the suit of Amos Rusie will come up in the United States Supreme Court March 1. The New York Club has filed a demurrer.

Gus Wehing's career as a manager was short-lived. He has been released by the Fort Wayne team so early in the year. With him goes old Pete Browning.

Harry Honafins, a Lebanon ball player, who became unconscious suddenly Monday evening, died on Tuesday night from brain fever. Honafins was 21 years old.

The Yale base ball candidates were called out this week.

Pitcher Klobedanz is ill with the measles.

Arthur Irwin has purchased the release of Second Baseman McGann, of the Bostons. Irwin says there will be no farmed players on the Toronto team.

Manager Stallings, of the Philadelphia Baseball Club, last week sold Shortstop Hulen and Outfielder Mertes to the Columbus Club for $2500.

The Lancaster Baseball team management Friday signed Edward Rafferty as a catcher. He played with the Scranton Club early last season, but through being hurt was obliged to stop for the season. President N. E. Young advises the Lancaster Club that George J. White, who played last year with the Philadelphia and Athletic clubs, must play this year with the Lancasters, he having signed an agreement to that effect.

The reported transfer of Amos Rusie to the Philadelphia Club in exchange for Catcher Clements and Pitcher Taylor was denied by President Freedman to day, who said: "I have not seen or heard from John I. Rogers or any one belonging to the Philadelphia Club for a number of weeks. No negotiations have been going on with the Philadelphia or any other club and there won't be any, either. I have repeatedly said that if Rusie played ball it would be with the New York Club, and I intend to back up the remark."

My Neighbor Told Me

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KENTUCKY ROMANCE.

Divorced Husband, Returning After Many Years, Weds His Original Choice.

A romantic wedding took place in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, near the Kentucky and Virginia line, the other night.

In 1865 Joe Black, a young man of local prominence, was married, and, his marriage not being a happy one, in 1887 he was divorced. Black went to Texas, and a few months later his grass widow married Thomas Stanhope. Three years ago Stanhope died.

Black prospered in Texas and remained single and in his old age returned a few months ago to the scenes of his childhood. It was here that he met Lillian Stanhope, living on a small farm on Rockhouse branch.

Lillian was his sweetheart in his boyhood and was his divorced wife. Amid these scenes the old love was rekindled; each forgave and forgot, and they finally decided to marry again. Black is 77 and Lillian Stanhope 79

They have begun life over again and will live on the farm close to the scene of early days. Black will remove the old buildings and put things in order with modern improvements as his means will allow.—*Philadelphia Press.*

His Winning Campaign Fatal.

John Lynch Heard of His Election and Soon Expired.

After hearing the returns to the effect that he had been elected to the Centralia School Board, John Lynch, a well-known Democratic politician, sank rapidly, and died early Thursday morning of last week, from pneumonia, contracted during his canvass for votes.

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All ministers say that fast men are slow in getting tied.

A diner out—the man who matches and gets stuck for the bill.

Held for court—the fellow who is arrested for breach of promise.

Greece is evidently of the opinion that Turkey is not the only pebble on the beach.

If things get much more mixed up in the East the Powers will go through Crete and finally come out all over Greece.

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TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

List of Officers Elected on Tuesday, February 16, 1897, in This County, or Returned as Tie.

BEAVER.

C. W. Stead—justice of the peace.
Sam'l Longenberger, Henry Eckroat—supervisors.
Samuel Klingaman—poor overseer.
C. B. Noetling, J. W. Schlicher—school directors.
Emanuel Harger—judge of election
W. W. Schell, Samuel Klingaman—inspectors.
E. E. Rice—auditor.
Nathaniel Ney—tax collector.

BENTON BOROUGH.

F. K. Seeley—chief burgess.
C. B. McHenry 67 votes, H. F. Everett 82—councilmen.
Daniel Hess 59—high constable.
W. C. Fullmer 71 votes, D. E. Keeler 60—school directors.
Elmer Davis 65—auditor.
C. L. Davis 62—poor overseer.
Elwood Knouse 59—judge of election.
Clint DeWitt 46, O. E. Little 24—inspectors.

BENTON TOWNSHIP.

Chas. Gibbons—justice.
W. L. Cole 52 votes, J. N. Shultz 56—supervisors.
G. W. Knouse—poor overseer.
I. K. Laubach 1 yr. 63 votes, M. L. Stine 3 yrs. 54 votes, M. T. Mc. Henry 3 yrs. 53 votes—school directors.
W. B. Laubach—judge of election.
N. W. Hess, A. W. Dresher—inspectors.
A. R. Stine—auditor.
Jno. C. Wenner—town clerk.
Abram Hartman—tax collector.

BRIARCREEK.

John Crisman—justice.
G. M. Bower, Adam Sult—supervisors.
G. W. Ash—poor overseer.
Stewart Ash, M. L. Houseknecht—school directors.
D. H. Miller—judge of election.
D. G. Kleintob, S. W. Adams—inspectors.
Stewart Ash—auditor.
E. S. Martz—town clerk.

CATAWISSA TOWNSHIP.

W. M. Levan, R. J. Miller—supervisors.
John Waltz—poor overseer.
Chas. Heiss 3 years 48, J. W. Rider 3 years 46, M. T. Hartman 3 years 46, Michael Fetterolf 2 years—school directors
John S. Barnes—judge of election.
Adam Gensil, Clarence Miller—inspectors.
H. Lloyd Creasy—auditor.
W. H. Roberts—tax collector.

CENTRALIA BOROUGH.

Edward Dempsey—chief burgess.
Michael Madden 1st ward, James L. Reese 2nd ward, A. C. Rooney 1 year—council.
B. I. Curran 1st ward, Patrick Curran 2nd ward—judge of election.
Wm. Hines 1st ward, John Benfield 1st ward, Freeman Yeager 2nd ward, S. M. Leiby 2nd ward—inspectors.
W. J. Yorworth 1st—registry assessor.
Jno. B. Lynch 3 yrs. 1st ward, Jno. J. O'Donnell 2 yrs. 1st ward, Robt. J. Brennan 1 yr. 1st ward, James M. Reilly 3 yrs. 2nd ward, A. J. Foy 2 yrs. 2nd ward, Jno. P. Laughlin 1 yr. 2nd ward—school directors.
M. H. Cuff 3 yrs. Patrick Gaughan 1 yr—auditors.

CENTRE TOWNSHIP.

Simon Sitler, Elias Wertman—supervisors.
Elisha Hagenbuch—poor overseer.
T. M. Adams, J. C. Cryder—school directors.
J. S. Hagenbuch—judge of election.
C. C. Whitmire, Andrew Hagenbuch—inspectors.
T. C. Kocher—auditor.
T. W. Sweppenheiser—tax collector.

CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP.

L. Earnest, Christian Mensch—supervisors.
Simon Leiby—poor overseer.
B. S. Bodine, C. Small—school directors.
John Gable—judge of election.
J. R. Wynn, Frank Pfahler—inspectors.
John Mourer—auditor.
W. A. Yocum—tax collector.

CONYNGHAM TOWNSHIP.

P. J. Tighe—justice.
John Dorner 191, Wm. Feely 151, P. M. Beaver 55 and Peter Beaver 101—supervisors.
B. J. Doyle—poor director.
Wm. Raudenbush—school director.
Registry assessors—E N.-Wm. Caligy, W. N.-E. E.Straub, W.-Edward Jasper, S. E.-Wm. Kelker, S. W.-Samuel Oster.
Judge of election—E. N.-Thomas Colihan, W. N.-Chas. Kostenbauder, W.-Hugh Breslin, S. E.-Michael Byrnes, S. W.-John Pitts.
Inspectors—E. N.-B. F. Cain, M. Ryan; W. N.-J. A. Miller, H. George; W.-Wm. Price, P. Gallespie; S. E.-Peter McHale, Patrick Conry; S. W.-M. McHale, Wm. Horbach.
Thos. J. McConnell—auditor.
James Munley—town clerk.
Frank Brennan—tax collector.

FISHINGCREEK TOWNSHIP.

Daniel Wenner, Stot McHenry—supervisors.
J. A. Karns—poor overseer.
Chas. Emery, A. A. Eveland—school directors.
W. N. Hosler, east, M. R. Kelchner, west—registry assessors.
H. R. Ash, east, Hiram Karns, west—judge of election.
Emanuel Wenner and J F. Rhinard east, C. B. Ash and J. F. Trump, west—inspectors.
Rush Harrison—auditor.
J. C. Campbell—town clerk.
A. B. McHenry—treasurer.
O. J. Hess—tax collector.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

Thomas Elms—justice
Jonathan Loreman, Wm. George—supervisors.
Jacob Artley—poor overseer.
L. D. Rohrbach, Charles Beagle—school directors.
Harvey Fetterman-judge of election
A. E. Bolich, Jesse George—inspectors.
Leonard Bolich—auditor.
D. A. Munson—tax collector.

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP.

Wesley Morris, John K. Parker—supervisors.
W. Utt, G. W. Miller—school directors.
J. W. Mather, east; Henry Parker, west—registry assessors.
G. E. Beck, east; Clyde Vanhorn, west—judge of election.
Samuel Parker, Thomas Snyder, east, J. C. Parker, C. A. Kitchen, west—inspectors.
C. H. Dildine—auditor.
S. Y. Mather—tax collector.

HEMLOCK TOWNSHIP.

Jacob Harris, Wm. A. Miller—supervisors.
Wm. A. Miller—poor overseer.
Geo. Bogart, Jacob Zeisloft—school directors.
Chas. Werkheiser—judge of election
Frank Emmit, H. M. Grotz—inspectors.
C. F. Girton—auditor.
E. J. Ohl—tax collector.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

Henry Hagenbuch, Chas. Coleman—supervisors.
John Savage—poor overseer.
J. H. Shultz, Alex. Knouse—school directors.
E. F. Strauch, Francis Albertson—registry assessors.
Wm. Hirleman—judge of election.
C. O. Hartman; J. L. Hirleman and T. L. Knouse a tie vote—inspectors.
J. F. Derr—auditor.
J. B. Kitchen—town clerk.
C. W. Young—tax collector.

LOCUST TOWNSHIP.

J. A. Bitner, W. L. Kline—supervisors.
John Rarig—poor overseer.
Wesley Lindermuth, Jerry Miller—school directors.
W. H. Bitner—judge of election.
L. H. Lee, Herman Billig—inspectors.
Jere Snyder—auditor.
H. H. Billig—tax collector.

MADISON TOWNSHIP.

Uriah Welliver—justice.
Geo. Whitenight, J. W. Smith—supervisors.
Cyrus Reichard—poor overseer.
D. A. Shultz, A. F. Hartline—school directors.
W. S. Leese—judge of election.
R. M. Butler, D. C. Welliver—inspectors.
Baltis Sterling—auditor.
D. W. Williams—tax collector.

MAIN TOWNSHIP.

J. F. Bauman, Samuel Alstetler—supervisors.
F. P. Grover—poor overseer.
H. M. Houck, J. E. Longenberger—school directors.
J. B. Nuss; W. S. Fisher and A. W. Grover tie-each one vote—assessor.
Joseph Hartzel—judge of election.
W. P. Hawk, C. F. Hartzel—inspectors.
W. M. Longenberger—auditor.
J. B. Nuss—tax collector.

MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP.

D. S. Brown—Justice.
J. P. Aten, Henry Nuss—supervisors.
G. M. Durling—poor overseer.
Milton Lehman, E. P. Hons.—school directors.
Samuel Snyder—judge of election.
C. W. Bowman, J. C. Nuss—inspectors.
C. W. Hess—auditor.
Benj. Pennypacker—tax collector.

MILLVILLE BOROUGH.

J. C. Christian—chief burgess.
Jos. W. Eves, R. J. Eves—councilmen.
A. H. Neyhard, R. B. Grimes—school directors.
S. J. Eckman—judge of election.
John Ruckle, Chas. Brum, Preston Eves—inspectors.
James M. Rote—tax collector.

MONTOUR TOWNSHIP.

Emanuel Summers, Michael Rouch—supervisors.
Isaac Mourey—poor overseer.
Harry Deimer, E. A. Mears—school directors.
P. S. Kashner—judge of election.
E. A. Mears, Lloyd Fry-inspectors.
James Quick—tax collector.

MT. PLEASANT TOWNSHIP.

Eri Ikeler, Amos Mellick—supervisors.
Hiram Crouse—poor overseer.
J. H. White, J. B. Ruckle—school directors.
Frank Dollman—judge of election.
Frank Hippensteel, A. E. Black—inspectors.
A. V. Kressler—auditor.
F. P. Davis—tax collector.

ORANGE TOWNSHIP.

Norman McHenry, A. C. Achenbach—supervisors.
A. W. Eveland—poor overseer.
J. E. Sitler, J. D. Carl—school directors.
J. H. Herring—judge of election.
H. E. Bellis, Chas. P. Trump—Inspectors.
J. J. Wolf—auditor.
Joseph V. Keller—town clerk.
Amos Neyhard—tax collector.

PINE TOWNSHIP.

Davis Gardner, A. Kitchen—supervisors.
A. K. Fullmer, Thos. Fortner—poor overseers.
G. H. Gordner, A. E. Girton—school directors.
P. W. Sones, north, John Fenstemacher, south—registry assessors.
Jonas Reichard, north, J. F. Lemon, south—judge of election.
Daniel Ridler, J. V. Kinney, north, W. B. Hayman, Elias Watts, south—inspectors.
A. E. Girton—auditor.
R. M. Potter and P. W. Sones tie, each 59 votes—tax collector.

ROARINGCREEK TOWNSHIP.

L. Fetterman—justice.
John Hampton, Jacob Fetterman—supervisors.
Urias Fetterman—poor overseer.
Frank Dreisbach, H. C. Helwig—school directors.
Wm. Hoffman and W. H. Craig, 45 votes each, tie—judge of election.
J. C. Cherrington, Wilson Craig—inspectors.
W. B. Houck—auditor.
D. Long—tax collector.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP.

Wilson Wanich, B. A. White—supervisors.
Newton Baker, A. B. White—school directors.
O. B. Case, east, R. C. Johnson, west—registry assessors.
Wm. Bogert, east, J. B. Ammerman west—judge of election.
Chas. Trembly, Isaiah Heckman, east, J. L. Darrah, J. D. Terwilliger, west—inspectors.
S. K. Worman—auditor.
C. E. Hartman—tax collector.

SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP.

A. M. Vansickle—constable.
C. W. Hess, A. P. Fritz—supervisors.
H. J. Hess, A. P. Fritz—school directors.
Wilbur Laubach, south. F. B. Fritz north—registry assessors.
J. F. Lamon, north, F. E. Harrington, south—judge of election.
North-W. E. Kocher, Ezra Stephens South-J. E. Harrington, Fred Laubach—inspectors.
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LITERARY NOTES.

GIBSON'S NEW ENGLISH GIRL.

Charles Dana Gibson, in illustrating a short story that narrates the romance of a Princess, for the March *Ladies' Home Journal*, has created what he regards as his typical English girl. She is said to be as distinctive and striking as his famous American girl, and while essentially different she is quite as interesting. The drawing will illustrate Robert C. V. Meyers' story, "The Morning After the Servia Got In."

OLGA NETHERSOLE TO WRITE.

Olga Nethersole, the actress, has turned her attention to writing, and will give advice of a practical nature to "The Girl Who Aspires to Elocution." Her contribution will appear in an early issue of the *Ladies' Home Journal.*

NOVEL SHOWING OF EASTER HATS AND BONNETS.

A novel method of presenting the newest and freshest Eastertide creations of Paris milliners has been adopted by the *Ladies' Home Journal* for March. In that magazine the new French hats and bonnets will be pictured as they are worn. This unique display is useful, therefore, in pointing out clearly not only Fashion's decree, but the styles in headdress best suited to several contrasted types and faces.

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"I am ready for Nature's rest. I've had my day, though, for a workingman having by my own earnings as a printer paid my passage always—never tramping it or beat my way—and traveled in Europe, Asia, Africa, New Zealand and well over America.

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SALES.

FEB. 27. J. D. and W. K. Armstrong, administrators of Chas. P. Armstrong, deceased, will sell at auction on the premises of D. W. Armstrong in Bloomsburg, at 9.30 a. m. horses, cows, wagons, harness, farm implements, household goods, canned goods, stoves, &c.

Floating Debt.

January 1st, 1897, and which has been paid by present board to Feb. 18, 1897, as follows:

J. B. Knittle, inquest on body of John Brumbach	$ 10.12
Constables Sept. and Dec. returns	93.00
D. W. Robbins, special constable N. Pine fall '96	2.00
John W. Fortner, caring for booth E. N. C. for '96	5.00
Danville Hospital	48.75
W. Kingston, stone work Madison township	60.00
R. T. Smith & Son, Edson bridge, Benton	23.90
Pennington & Seely, Edson bridge,	23.30
Clinton Cole " "	6.78
J. J. McHenry, " "	5.78
J. W. Rider, Esther Furnace bridge	30.00
Stenographer, Walker	112.25
Electric Light Co	25.87
J. H. Eck, Eck bridge, Briarcreek	31.42
Sam Otis, Registry Assessor, S. W. C. Dec. '96	4.00
Creasy & Wells, lumber Shaffer bridge	3.92
Bloom Water Co	11.28
D. W. Martz, bridge repair Briarcre'k	7.00
Benton "Argus"	1.75
M. M. Kline, B. bill, Greenwood	20.23
S. L. Golder, B. bill, Jamison City	5.36
W. Heams, B. bill Briarcreek	7.00
Chas. Harris, B. bill Hemlock	1.65
J. P. Creasy, B. bill Fishingcreek	3.00
Com. costs	87.10
Road damages	47.00
R. & B. views	39.36
Total paid to date of Feb. 18, '97	$716.82
Due Jan. 1, and not paid at date of Feb. 18, 1897, the following:	
Road damage	$457.25
Road and bridge views	69.93
E. S. Penitentiary	358.32
Huntingdon Reformatory	496.26
J. D. Bodine, costs Cata. B. view	1.50
H. F. Rittenhouse, B. bill B'creek	1.00
S. C. Shive, B. bill repair	30.00
Harrisburg Asylum debt $273.00	
Interest 13.82	
Atty. Com 13.95	
Record cost 16.15	
	$ 316.92
Coroner bills, 23, about	700.00
Cata. Bridge view bill	1322.58
Cata. B. view bill Dauphin Co. record cost	15.25
King Iron Bridge Co. Madison B.	125.00
North'd Co. L. B. ½ of $1450.00 superstructure	725.00
North'd Co. L. B. ½ of stone way, say	200.00
Charles Beaver, balance Madison bridge for stone	13.28
Township money	1,166.59
Com. cost as appears on cost bo'ks	587.92
Sheriff board bill	580.00
Total unpaid Feb. 18, 1897	$7,166.82
To this add amonnt paid to Feb. 18, 1897	716.82
Total debt Jan. 1, 1897	$7,883.64
From this deduct bill of Harrisburg Hospital as that is to be refunded by C. & C Poor District, which should be refunded by C. & C. Poor District	316.92
Balance of	$7,566.72

There may be bills, and no doubt are, outstanding outside of those above named, but not likely to be of any great amount. A careful examination has been made with above results, and then there are a number of roads reported to December term of court, with damage allowed as follows:

Benton and Jackson, near H. F. Everett's	$210.00
Sugarloaf, near Thos. Smith's	62.00
Pine	42.00
Cleveland	155.00
Total	$469.00

The Benton and Jackson road was confirmed finally Feb. 13, 1897, and the Sugarloaf one Feb. 6, 1897. The Pine and Cleveland roads were confirmed nisi at Dec. T. and are in shape to be confirmed finally at any time. This will make that much more of a debt, while it was not really a debt on the 1st of January, 1897, it was well under way to become so.

It will be remembered that the county Auditors put down the floating debt at $3,000 without naming any items that went to make up that amount.

Here the county finds old debts to the amount of substantially $8000.00

Interest dud Feb. 23, '97 on county bonds	3788.00
Bonds due Feb. 23, 1897	4600.00
Add Auditors' pay, say	360.00
Feb. court, witnesses and all say	900.00
Feb. election, say	1400.00
Spring assessment, say	1200.00
Registry, May, say	500 00
May court, say	1200.00
Interest on bonds due Jan. 20th	2400.00
Total	$24,148.00

This is the amount that will have to be met by July 1st, 1897, together with the ordinary running expenses which will amount to several thousand dollars, say from $3,000 to $4,000, and we find a debt of about $28,000 to pay and only $1700 left over with about $1850 license money and what can be realized from the balance due on unpaid duplicates, and with this terrible condition of the county's finances, $3300 bonds were redeemed that were not yet due. Here we are with $1700 money to start in with and a debt of $8000, leaving a deficit of $6300, while last year they started in with $18,000 left over from borrowed money of 1894, and a floating debt estimated at only $1850. Last year there was cash on hand $18,000, this year $1,700, difference of $16,300.

This year there is a floating debt of say $8,000, last year $1850, difference being $6150. Now we add the $16,300 and the $6,150 and we have $22,450. Now to run the business as it was run last year it will be necessary to raise, from some source, outside of a 2½ mill tax this sum of $22,450.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Proposition to Erect Several New State Buildings.

A MILLION DOLLAR CAPITOL.

It Is Believed That Sum Will be Ample for the Purpose—The Constitution Should Not be "Stretched"—The Proposed New Law to Protect the Fish Supply.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Feb. 22.—There seems to be a unanimity of opinion among the members that Governor Hastings' plan of erecting several buildings for the legislature and departments is a most wise one. It is generally recognized that there should be five different buildings: One for the department of internal affairs; one to provide adequate quarters for the auditor general and state treasurer; a capitol or legislative building; a structure for use of agriculture, education, forestry, banking insurance and other sub-divisions, and the fifth might be used in the nature of a museum to contain battle flags, ornithological and other collections, a representation of the mineral elements of the various counties, and part of which might be used as chambers for supreme and superior courts and the state boards which are required to meet here. This could be made to harmonize with each other by being grouped in architectural effect. The buildings which remain are not fire proof, but are largely constructed of combustible material, and are inadequate to the requirements of the departments now in use, so that it would be economy in the end to construct a number of buildings, and this done in reference to the demands of the state for the next century.

A Million Should Build the Capitol.

The adoption of this plan would enable the state to begin in the early spring to construct a capitol building, and thus have ample time for its completion for the use of the legislature two years hence. The other buildings could be erected after the capitol building was finished in the order of their greatest necessity. For the capitol building it is thought, considering that it is to be used for no other purpose, and hence a large building is unnecessary, that $1,000,000 would be ample to expend for that purpose. Despite the opinion given by Attorney General McCormick, declaring it to be unconstitutional to bond the state to raise funds with which to erect the new buildings, there are some who favor stretching the constitution at this juncture and refer to Jefferson's declaration, that he had stretched the constitution in an emergency until it had cracked and the people had approved of the act, and it is thought that in this movement the people will also approve the act.

It would be a great disgrace, however, for the state of Pensylvania to attempt to adopt measures that would violate the constitution in the least. It has too many resources sufficient to construct the new capitol without a resort to violating the constitution to accomplish what is necessary. The agitating of this subject within the last few days has brought the Bliss bill, recently introduced, into great favor, imposing a tax on all ale, beer or porter brewed in the state during the ensuing three years, and also putting a tax of one mill on each dollar of the actual value of the capital stock, one mill on each dollar of all gross receipts subjected to taxation. One mill on each dollar on the value of all personal property. Two per cent upon the gross premium collected by insurance companies, etc. It is thought that this measure will be passed, and if enacted will enable the state to greatly augment its revenues.

To Protect the Fish Supply.

The special features that characterized the session of the house at its last meeting was the introduction of a number of bills, among the most important of which was one to define which are game fish and fish commercially valuable for food, and regulates their catching and encourages their propagation. It also protects the waters from wasteful and improper fishing. This act will wipe out all the existing fish laws of the state. The fish that would receive protection are salmon, brook, rainbow, California, brown, lake and salmon trout, and all other forms of salmon, of food fishes, black rock, strawberry, striped, calico, grass, green and white bass, sunfish, pike, perch, walleyed pike, pickerel, muscolange, designated as game fish; also shad, white fish, lake herring, sturgeon, classified as food fish

Henceforth it shall be unlawful to catch with outlines or setlines, or fish for any game fish except with rod, hook or line. A resolution which was reported to the house from the federal relations committee and unanimously adopted requests the senators and representatives in congress from Pennsylvania to earnestly forward any movement toward a speedy end to the conflict in Cuba, and in remembrance of the generous aid and support we received more than a century ago, to urge the right of the people of Cuba a government by and for themselves. This was passed and has since been approved by the governor.

The final passage of bills was reached for the first time prior to adjournment, and the first one to pass was the first one introduced at this session, which provides that coroners shall have the same fee and mileage when they have been called and viewed a body, but decide that no inquest is necessary, as when an inquest is held.

The Anti-Theater Hat Bill.

The bill prohibiting the wearing of hats, bonnets or other coverings for the head which will obstruct the view of any public entertainment to which an admission fee is charged passed second reading, and is likely to be one of the first to become a law.

The dairy and food commission are by no means disturbed over the investigation of their department, growing out of the charges made by Mr. Hosack, of Allegheny, charging 500,000 pounds of oleomargarine is sold monthly in Pittsburg, and that certain officers of the department neglect and refuse to prosecute violators of the oleomargarine act, claiming also that certain dealers in this product pay to officers and agents of others for this department one cent per pound for all they are permitted to sell in violation of the oleomargarine act, which was referred to an investigating committee. The officers of this department feel that an investigation will enable them to show the importance of this branch, what they have accomplished and expect to realize in the future. They feel they are prepared to show that their entire work has been above suspicion and in the interests of the state, and say if they are given an opportunity to show what they have done, they can convince the investigators that their department is properly conducted.

The investigation of the state treasury by the committee of the legislature, of which Senator Snyder, of Chester, is chairman, has begun work. They have outlined their work to have the investigation pushed rapidly after their tomorrow's meeting. There is not likely much to be developed from this investigation, and the state might as well have been spared the expense.

Opposing a Capitol Building Commission.

The report that a movement had been started to create a commission to have charge of the erection of the new capitol is still persistently denied. It has had a wholesome effect, however, and has awakened the opposing factions to be more watchful of each other's operations. With the Republican forces divided and the Democrats on the alert for political capital there should be no job or scheme allowed to develop in the construction of the new buildings.

A headquarters has been established in this city of the Pennsylvania branch of the National League of Business Men. This is to be the rendezvous of what is known as the "seventy-six," the members of the legislature who voted for Wanamaker for United States senator, and who claim they are gaining in numbers and strength.

The visit of Senator Quay in Harrisburg this week, it is believed, is for the purpose of looking after the reform measures he is advocating.

From present indications this promises to be the longest session the Pennsylvania legislature has had in many years. There are now over 700 bills to act on by the various committees, and there are likely to be more to follow. Then there are arrangements to be made for the construction of the new building, the regular routine of work to be accomplished, and a beginning scarcely made in the work of either house. This is the situation after almost two months' time has elapsed. Of course, there has been much to contend with during this session, but unless there is more active and persistent work done during the remainder of the session there cannot be much accomplished.

The first week in March will be presidential inauguration week, and adjournment will be in order, and in that event there will be little accomplished during that week, so that the middle of March will be here and more than half of the session consumed and the greater part of the work remaining to be done.

The Comiug Agricultural Congress.

G. G. Hutchinson, chairman of the committtee of arrangements for the great agricultural congress of farmers, under the auspices of the National Grange of the United States, which is to convene in Harrisburg next fall, and which will occupy in all about ten days, is at present making arrangements to entertain one of the most important and interesting conventions of agriculturists ever held in this country. There will be at this meeting representatives from all parts of the country.

State Treasurer Haywood is now engaged in preparing a statement of the state's receipts and expenditures since 1840, and the grand total will be upwards of $400,000,000. He estimates the net receipts of the present year available for appropriations are $9,768,829, while the estimated expenditures aggregate $13,337,344.42 for the general fund, and $275,371.50 sinking fund. This estimate does not include the cost of fitting up the temporary quarters of the legislature and the building of a new capitol.

There is a strong sentiment developing among the members of the importance of passing the bill requiring interest to be paid on state deposits. Speaker Boyer, who served a term as state treasurer, is in favor of the passage of this measure.

Interest on State Funds.

The Quay leaders have recently been investigating the governors or state treasurers of the most prominent states in the Union as to whether their states receive interest on deposits, and if the system was satisfactory. There have been answers received up to this time from 24 states. Of the 24 states heard from 14 report receiving interest on their deposits of from 1½ to 3 per cent. Six of the number deposited in banks, and, like Pennsylvania, received no interest, and four kept their money in the state treasury. The states that report receiving interest claim that the system was satisfactory, except in Wisconsin, where the responsibility is divided between the state treasurer and the banks.

Representative Bolles, of Philadelphia, chairman of the ways and means committee, to which the bill requiring the payment of interest on state funds has been referred, is now very confident that there is no doubt of the passage of this bill, and it is now only a matter of arranging the details of the measure, and if these are satisfactory there will be scarcely a single vote against it.

The committee appointed at the Philadelphia meeting of the insurance companies, which had insurance on the capitol building and the contents, have settled for the insurance. The estimated loss on the building was $378,000 and the insurance was $100,000, carried by 17 companies. The estimated loss on the contents was $252,000, and the insurance carried by 67 companies was $98,750, including $2,000 on the old clock. The entire amount will be paid at once.

The introduction of a series of bills that would carry out Governor Hastings' propositions, as contained in his recent annual message, relating to insane hospitals and overcrowded penal institutions, will be completed this week by the presentation of a bill to relieve the pressure upon the penitentiaries. The executive recommendations already complied with are seen in the recently introduced bills, one being the project for a hospital for the criminal insane, the bill having been prepared in accordance with Judge James Gay Gordon's ideas.

THE BROADWAY

Special China Sale

Many new goods are added this week, and our stock is now more complete than at any time heretofore.

We would like you to call and inspect those fine imported decorated dinner sets at $7.98 and $10.00 for 100 pieces.

They are vastly superior in quality, finish and artistic excellence, to domestic ware, for which you will be asked to pay the same prices.

In fine china and glassware we have many choice novelties suitable for birthday, wedding and Easter gifts.

Best White Granite Dishes.

Tea plates, 6c. each.
Dinner plates. 7c. each.
Soup plates, 6c. and 7c. ea.
Individual butters, 2c. each.
Individual meat plates, 6c. each.
Individual vegetable dishes, 6c. each.
Handled tea cups and saucers, 42c. set.
Large size handled coffee cups and saucers, 50c. set.
Unhandled tea cups and saucers, 25c. set.
Meat platters, 6c., 7c., 9c., 17c. to 55c. each.

Glassware.

Rose bowls, cups and saucers, cream pitchers, spoon holders, goblets, footed jelly dishes, 5 inch round dish, 4 in. footed round dishes, with cover, and many others at 5c. each.

Half gallon pitchers, large covered sugar bowls, spoon holders, celery trays and high footed celery stands, flower vases, cut glass patterns, 7 in. oblong dishes, covered butter dishes, high footed fruit dishes with cover, and many others worth 20c. and 25c. at the low price of 10c. ea.

Fancy China.

Our new line admired by all. Prettier shapes and decorations than ever.

Bohemian glass, drinking mugs, 5c. each.

Bohemian glass cream pitchers, 10c. ea.

Pure china after dinner coffee pots with gilt handles, 10c. each.

Large cups with gilt handles 10c. each.

Large and small decorated china cups and saucers, 10c. ea.

Spoon holders and cream pitchers, many different shapes and decorations, 10c. each.

Desert dishes, some with floral decoration, others in plain blue and maroon at 5c. and 10c. each.

Japanese blue and white tea pots, 10c. each.

The stock of CARMELITE the new fire proof ware, has been replenished. Don't miss seeing this ware.

Agency for Butterick's Patterns.

Respectfully Submitted to the Cash Trade Only by

THE BROADWAY CASH STORE,

Moyer's New Building, Main Street,

BLOOMSBURG.

JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

February 25th, 189;

Chesterfield said "style is the dress of thought;" to-day it is the badge of gentility. What a difference there is between a cheap shoddy fabric and one of guaranteed standard make; good appearance and good wear are the selling features of our goods; add to this our low price feature and you have the story of our establishment in a nut shell.

This week we are showing a rich line of Silk Novelties for the early summer season; if you want patterns that won't be duplicated favor us with your orders now. Samples on application.

High Grade Wash Silks plain and corded fancy stripes from pin to largest stripe. Colors are in every conceivable combination. These silks are well adapted for nobby shirt waists or full cotumes, at our price for such fine quality you can have a variety of costumes, per yard 29c.

The latest novelties are the Roman stripes the patterns are made up of successive stripes in different widths and the colorings are the richest ever produced, nothing superior for the new shirt waists, per yard 39c.

We also show this week a large assortment of printed Habutai China Silks in all the newest designs, at the yard 39c.

Our leading combination of printed China and Japanese Silks in original pretty designs, are to be sold at the yard 49c.

Yard wide Percale maufactured by our New York Firm, are in the latest spring and summer patterns, they are selling fast, no wonder, the price is rediculously low, per yard 8c.

Have you seen the new plain color Organdies? they are proper fabrics for the new soft shirt waists, colors are perfect as only the French can produce them, light blue, pink, lemon, orange, lavender, etc, our price per yard 25c.

Ask for samples of our Imported Dimities, rich and shear, others sell far less pretty patterns at 25c, our price is 19c. Those beautiful fine French Organdies, imported direct by us, are perfect dreams of pattern and color combinations, every design is correct the leading fabric for spring and summer wear, per yard 38c.

Home Draperies are extensively shown here, we carry all the novelties and standard goods.

Beautiful Fish Net, 40 and 50 inches wide, from 10c per yard up, Swiss, Coin Spot and figured from 12½c up.

Tapestry Courtains with fringe top and bottom and reversible over-throw, from $2.98 the pair up.

Draperies made up to suit any door-way niche or alcove. Beautiful effects in Velvet, Frau Frau, Tapestry and Silk Damask materials.

CARPETS.

All sewing, fitting and laying is done by our own work people, insuring perfect satisfaction, and of course a big reduction in cost. We have the newest designs and colorings in Lowell Wiltons, Whittall Wiltons, Bigelow Axminster, Lowell Body Brussels, Bigelow Body Brussels, Stinsons Tapestries, Lowell Extra Super Ingrains, etc, etc. Let us estimate on your carpet work.

CAFE.

We furnish out of town patrons with a full dinner for 25c, including meats, soups, vegetables, pie, tea, coffee, milk, bread and butter. Our cooking is first-class and the materials served are of the highest class.

Respectfully,

Jonas Long's Sons

Cor. W. Market and Public Square

STATEMENT OF FINANCES OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

FROM JANUARY 1, 1896, TO JANUARY 4, 1897.

DISTRICTS.	TAXES ASSESSED 1896. County.	Dog.	State.	STILL DUE 1896. County.	Dog.	State.	COUNTY, 1896. Com.	Exon.	DOG, 1896. Com.	Exon.	STATE, 1896. Com.	Exon.	COUNTY, 1895. Com.	Exon.	Returns	DOG, 1895. Com.	Exon.	State 1895 Com.	COUNTY, 1894. Exon.	Returns	DOG, 1894. Ex.	State, 1894. Ex.	County, 1893. Ex.	DOG, 1893. Ex.	State, 1893. Ex.	DOG, 1889. Ex.
Beaver	$ 691 69	$ 52 00	$ 34 29	$ 466 06	$ 40 50	$ 19 81	$ 11 43	.....	$ 58	.....	$ 73	.....	.....	$ 13 57	34 67	....	$ 1 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benton Boro	319 20	10 70	46 30	81 88	4 50	2 68	7 17	9 74	17	30	1 39	1 84	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benton Twp	572 60	61 00	39 79	252 60	35 00	.....	10 27	11 00	26	83	1 13	1 99	.....	7 80	25	....	3 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Berwick	2253 03	48 00	430 65	411 65	26 00	85 56	39 90	84 15	69	97	12 12	16 79	10 25	15 29	3 25	45	4 00	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 32	7 50	102 44	.....
Bloom	5738 86	120 50	1665 46	2744 17	103 50	320 76	70 36	129 65	32	85	28 82	61 96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	305 07	21 08	30 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Briarcreek	1172 78	29 00	306 69	142 78	12 00	11 69	36 22	24 21	38	85	8 41	14 75	18 75	5 86	92	2 50	3 00	50	44 25	.....	3 50	3 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catawissa Twp	387 47	38 50	26 08	4 47	2 50	20 08	15 22	9 1*	31	88	17	30	.....	4 45	16	....	2 50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catawissa Bor.	1357 76	50 50	478 94	225 42	21 00	60 43	29 13	41 44	1 00	78	8 56	19 93	16 31	30 81	1 43	75	9 00	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Centralia	941 2	21 00	431 08	299 17	21 00	431 08	.....	30 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 88	.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centre	1518 99	19 50	152 17	498 99	19 50	12 17	15 80	41 00	1 14	2 00	3 99	7 00	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	12 73	4 91	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland	608 78	85 50	104 14	212 89	34 00	14 91	14 89	11 39	1 19	90	2 77	3 93	.....	1 41	4 40	....	1 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Conyngham	1918 99	32 50	19 00	312 50	32 50	19 00	35 44	71 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 31	.....	.....	....	.....	....	138 21	50 74	9 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fishingcreek	1079 32	73 00	89 30	399 32	31 00	.....	20 63	13 50	1 17	1 00	2 91	3 62	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	515 47	48 50	59 49	5 50	16 50	.....	15 40	25 68	86	1 50	1 14	2 00	.....	1 25	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood	939 37	67 00	120 93	401 61	41 98	22 90	18 98	30 42	89	82	2 79	4 90	.....	5 96	1 29	....	5 50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hemlock	961 85	75 00	92 58	319 85	38 50	3 40	22 05	23 34	1 30	1 23	1 84	3 36	.....	6 93	4 13	....	4 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	296 80	39 50	66 82	115 80	33 50	7 81	7 41	3 79	17	30	1 68	2 95	.....	2 80	32	....	50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Locust	814 35	64 50	200 70	204 11	36 32	4 72	21 78	19 82	95	1 28	5 94	8 71	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison	1023 59	74 80	119 40	374 51	44 00	11 01	19 30	21 33	1 15	88	2 83	4 97	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Main	595 79	4 50	128 62	266 15	22 00	18 20	10 58	13 76	58	70	3 16	5 49	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	1 99	1 05	2 50	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mifflin	872 42	80 50	168 39	367 26	41 00	11 59	20 18	18 78	1 27	1 68	2 86	4 60	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	4 65	5 42	1 00	14 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Millville	349 44	8 00	390 34	58 56	4 50	19	9 54	11 04	18	.....	10 98	18 81	.....	4 48	.....	....	2 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montour	785 68	15 50	65 72	317 49	8 49	2 60	15 21	19 68	26	23	1 80	3 16	9 44	.....	.....	45	.....	03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	595 84	77 50	63 98	165 33	23 50	8 92	15 83	13 36	1 16	98	1 71	2 65	.....	1 50	33	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange	915 88	48 00	257 40	170 37	21 00	15 62	24 70	29 39	1 02	83	6 93	12 01	.....	2 34	2 84	....	9 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine	397 46	43 50	38 44	113 69	34 00	24 56	11 49	6 29	21	38	40	49	5 03	.....	.....	35	.....	46	7 47	22 34	11 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roaringcreek	410 33	34 00	111 76	146 75	14 90	.....	10 29	6 93	78	43	3 28	5 16	.....	1 52	.....	....	.....	....	18 89	52	4 50	.....	19 18	7 62	.....	.....
Scott	1278 12	64 00	319 32	394 52	40 50	37 51	30 49	31 39	80	88	8 63	12 72	.....	19 31	6 24	....	3 50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugarloaf	478 51	82 50	19 06	232 46	70 65	12 56	9 39	7 46	31	58	19	31	.....	3 42	4 82	....	1 50	....	18 89	52	4 50	.....	19 18	7 62	.....	.....
	$29804 61	$ 1505 09	$ 1947 77	$ 9939 11	$ 912 24	$ 1178 06	$569 79	$747 89	$ 20 93	$ 21 05	$125 26	$224 40	$ 78 99	$128 70	$ 65 05	$4 50	$ 49 50	$2 08	$433 16	$106 06	$ 68 35	$ 20 00	$ 66 50	$ 15 12	$102 44	$ 10 00

AMOUNTS DUE FROM COLLECTORS PREVIOUS TO 1896.

DISTRICT.	YEAR.	COLLECTORS.	COUNTY.	DOG.	STATE.
Benton Boro	1895	D. J. Lewis	$ 9 97	$ 10 00	$ 2 54
Bloom	1895	J. K. Bittenbender	1389 38	120 50	73 57
Catawissa Boro	1895	P. R. Baldy	1 00		
Centralia	1895	W. E. Davis	322 92	25 00	141 94
Centre	1895	W. E. Creasy	228 68	24 00	3 67
Conyngham	1895	Jacob Benner	213 42	31 50	90
Fishingcreek	1895	O. J. Hess	236 41	10 00	
Locust	1895	E. H. Whitner	73 92	16 [illegible]	2 82
Madison	1895	G. W. Ande, D. N. Williams	199 01	36 [illegible]	24 57
Main	1895	A. W. Shuman	190 59	22 [illegible]	19 68
Mifflin	1895	W. B. Goodheart	88 71	29 [illegible]	25
Montour	1895	James Quick	179 45	11 00	4 56
Mt. Pleasant	1895	E. P. Davis	1 00		
Orange	1895	Perry DeLong	26 00	3 00	
Pine	1895	R. M. Potter	8 57	5 50	13 25
Locust	1894	E. H. Whitner	48 06	6 40	
Madison	1891	Geo. W. Ande	64 62	38 00	12 77
Beaver	1893	Simon Rittenhouse		4 61	2 54
Bloom	1893	M. C. Woodward	1355 16	62 50	393 88
Conyngham	1893		318 02	38 00	
Conyngham	1892	Chas. Weiderman	127 15	34 50	6 80
Millville	1892	W. B. Geaman	9 11	2 50	8 78
Centralia	1891	Thos. Liddicoat	18 00		
Conyngham	1890	W. H. Reinbold	34 34	34 70	1 18
			$ 5134 89	$ 570 24	$ 709 10

LICENSE ACCOUNT.

DISTRICTS.	TOWNSHIP SHARE.	TREAS. COM.	COUNTY SHARE.	WHO DREW TOWNSHIP SHARE.
Beaver	$ 57 00	$ 3 00	$ 15 00	Ilram Eckroat.
Benton Boro	342 00	18 00	90 00	W. H. Magill, Att'y.
Berwick Boro, Hotels	342 00	18 00	90 00	First National Bank of Berwick.
Berwick Boro, Restaurants	342 00	18 00	90 00	First National Bank of Berwick.
Bloom Hotels	684 00	36 00	180 00	J. H. Maize and A. N. Yost.
Bloom Restaurants	684 00	36 00	180 00	J. H. Maize and A. N. Yost.
Briarcreek Hotel	57 00	3 00	15 00	Adam Sult.
Catawissa Boro, Hotels	342 00	18 00	90 00	C. E. Geyer, Att'y.
Catawissa " Restaurants	228 00	12 00	60 00	C. E. Geyer, Att'y.
Catawissa twp. Hotels	114 00	6 00	30 00	John Huber and Wm. Levan.
Centralia Boro. Hotels	912 00	48 00	240 00	Geo. W. Davis, Treas.
Centralia Boro. Restaurants	1026 00	54 00	270 00	Geo. W. Davis, Treas.
Conyngham twp. Hotels	228 00	12 00	60 00	W. A. Marr, Att'y.
Conyngham " Restaurants	171 00	9 00	45 00	W. A. Marr, Att'y.
Greenwood Hotel	171 00	9 00	45 00	S. A. Miller.
Hemlock	57 00	3 00	15 00	Wm. A. Miller.
Locust	114 00	6 00	30 00	John Bittner.
Madison	114 00	6 00	30 00	Elias Hendershott.
Main	114 00	6 00	30 00	J. C. Shuman.
Mifflin	114 00	6 00	30 00	W. P. Hetler and H. D. Miller.
Montour	57 00	3 00	15 00	Michael Rauch.
Orange	114 00	6 00	30 00	I. J. Neyhard.
Pine	57 00	3 00	15 00	G. H. Gordner.
Scott	114 00	6 00	30 00	M. M. Hicks.
Sugarloaf	228 00	12 00	60 00	J. B. Davis and Gearhart Hess.
Sugarloaf Restaurants	171 00	9 00	45 00	J. B. Davis and Gearhart Hess.
	$6954 00	$ 366 00	*1830 00	

*Commission on County share of license subject to the final decision of an appeal now pending.

J. R. FOWLER, County Treasurer, in account with Columbia County.

Jan. 1, 1897. DR.

To amt of county tax on dup. of 1896	$18550 85	
To amt of dog tax on dup. of 1896	551 48	
To amt of state tax on dup. of 1896	4420 05	$23522 38
To amt of county tax on dup. prior to 1896	$8553 79	
To amt of dog tax on dup. prior to 1896	791 80	
To amt of state tax on dup. prior to 1896	313 46	$ 9659 05
To total amt received on dups.		33181 43
To amt rec'd from seat'd lands	$1795 28	
To amt received from unseated lands	2302 75	4098 03
To amt rec'd from Silas Getz, et.al. for redemption money	216 55	216 55
To amt rec'd from H. F. Everitt refunded road view expenses	21 40	
To amt rec'd from S. C. Creasy town order	14 45	
To amt received Philip Sidler, Com. costs refunded	41 02	
To amt from O. D. McHenry, Com's land sale	85 50	
To amt rec'd from G. W. Koons Com's land sale	11 00	
To amt rec'd from E. M. Tewksbury, Com's land sale	59 48	
To amt rec'd from Geo. E. Elwell, committee, support of Margaret Weaver	68 75	
To amt rec'd from L. S. Wintersteen, Com's land sale	22 63	
To amt rec'd from Treasurer of Northumberland county, repairs Joint bridge 1895	6 50	
To amt rec'd from Com's of Northumberland Co., repairs Joint bridge 1896	21 98	
To amt rec'd from Jacob Rhoads, old files Reg. office	80	
To amt rec'd from J. W. Kreamer, old files, Reg. office	45	
To amt rec'd from O. B. Melick, old files Reg. office	3 75	
To amt rec'd from Overseer of Poor, Danville, support of Geo. Wise, Danville Asylum	185 25	
To amt rec'd from Howard Grimes, et. al., Catawissa bridge wreckage	44 00	
To amt rec'd from Wellington Yeager, Catawissa bridge wreckage	55 00	
To amt rec'd from W. H. Vastine, Cata. bridge wreckage	29 00	
To amt rec'd from Thomas E. Harder, Catawissa bridge wreckage	40 00	
To amt rec'd from Clark F. Harder, Catawissa bridge wreckage	31 00	
To amt rec'd from W. G. Yetter, refunded road view expense	1 95	
To amt rec'd from Stephen Smith, refunded pay Feb'y election, 1896	1 00	
To amt rec'd from W. H. Utt, refunded mileage 1895	28 54	
To amt rec'd from J. G. Swank refunded mileage 1895	45 92	
To amt retained from Commonwealth overpaid on Co. indebtedness	224 50	$ 1053 87
To amt rec'd from Commonwealth personal tax for 1895	4381 88	
To amt rec'd from Commonwealth personal tax 1896	4396 71	$ 8780 59
To amt rec'd from hotel and restaurant licenses	1830 00	
To bal on hand from last settlement	13 61 83	14991 83
		$ 62322 30

CR.

By amt paid Commonwealth State personal tax for 1896	5861 28	
By Treasurer's commission	59 22	5921 50
To amt sheep orders redeemed	275 50	
By Treasurer's commission	10 94	284 44
By county orders redeemed, less order No. 151 for $622. No commission on this order	622 00	
$23613 14--$622 00	32991 41	
By com to Treasurer at 4 per cent	1319 65	34933 09
By amt West creek bridge, Benton	525 00	
By amt Ash bridge, Fishingcr'k	525 00	
By amt Ezra Thomas bridge, Pine	900 00	
By amt Smith bridge, Madison	400 00	
By Treas. com. at 1½ per cent	35 25	2385 25
By amt new files Reg. office	2231 53	
By Treas. com. at 1½ per cent	33 47	2265 00
By amt County Supt. bill	200 00	
By Treas. com. at 4 per cent	8 00	208 00
By amt. county bonds redeemed	7800 00	
By Treas. commission @ 1½ per cent	117 00	$ 7917 00
By amt. coupons redeemed	6218 10	
By Treas. commission @ 1½ per cent	93 72	$ 6311 82
By amt. paid D. R. Coffman, court crier, for which no order was obtained from the commissioners	120 00	
By Treas. commission	4 80	$ 124 80
By amt. paid M. E. Cox et. al. tip staves, for which no order was obtained from the commissioners	177 50	
By Treas. commission	7 08	$ 184 58
By amt. paid C. R. Ent for moving the records from old files to the new, for which no order was obtained from the commissioners	20 00	
By Treas. commission	80	$ 20 80
By balance in hands J. R. Fowler, ex-Treasurer		$ 1736 02
		$62322 30

DR.

To balance in hands J. R. Fowler, ex-Treasurer	$ 1736 02

J. R. FOWLER, Treas., in acct. with State.

Wholesale liquor, distillers, bottlers, billiard, mercantile licenses and tax on loans, county indebtedness.

DR.

To amt wh'ls'le liquor licenses	$1000 00	
" brewers and distillers	400 00	
" billiard and pool	260 00	
" bottlers licenses	600 00	
" mercantile licenses	2125 82	
" tax on Co. indebtedness	622 00	$ 5307 82

CR.

By amt. paid state wholesale liquor licenses	$ 950 00	
By amt. Treas. com	50 00	$ 1000 00
By amt. paid state brewers and distillers	380 00	
By amt. Treas. com	20 00	400 00
By amt. paid State billiard license	247 00	
By amt. Treas. com	13 00	260 00
By amt. paid State bottlers license	570 00	
By amt. Treas. com	30 00	600 00
By amt. paid State mercantile license	1874 70	
By amt. uncollectable	25 00	
By amt. advertising	202 60	
By amt. Treas. com	61 95	2174 25
By amt. paid State tax on loans	590 90	
By amt. Treas. com	31 10	
By amt over paid the State tax on loans on portion exempt	234 50	
	856 50	$ 5290 75
To balance due commonwealth		17 07

MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS.

Mattie Coffman, washing towels during year	$ 3 00
United States Express Co., et al expressage, etc	19 90
J C Brown, Prof. service in bridge estimates, etc	30 50
A C Hidlay, horse hire	2 00
J R Fowler, tax on loans, county indebtedness	622 00
J R Fowler, deeds to Commissioners	267 24
James Thompson, removing and repairing booths, Centra la 1st ward	3 50
G M Quick, recording township officers	40 80
G M Quick, reporting Judgments from Sept 1, 1895 to Dec. 31, 1896	187 40
G M Quick, recording births and deaths	86 15
G M Quick, costs as per bill rendered	356 05
G M Quick, indexing judgments from Jan. 1, 1890 to Dec 22, 1896	1050 00
G M Quick, reports to Board of Public Charities	140 00
W H Rhawn, Telegrams and expenses, Catawissa river bridge view	7 26
J B McHenry, sheriff, expenses to Pittsburg for prisoner	92 08
J B McHenry, sheriff, taking prisoners to Philadelphia	120 14
J B McHenry, sheriff, taking prisoners to Huntingdon	118 81
J B McHenry, sheriff, expenses to Huntingdon for insane prisoner	37 10
J B McHenry, costs, county auditors vs. W C Johnston	3 75
J B McHenry, reports to Board Public Charities	40 00
C B Ent, reporting mortgages, etc	52 60
C. B. Ent, acknowledging deeds for Commissioners	31 50
J. B. McHenry, taking patients to Danville asylum	11 17
C. B. Ent, moving records from old vault to new; no order was obtained from Commissioners	20 00
	$3910 74

COURTS, JURORS' PAY, CONSTABLE'S RETURNS.

P. B. Singley, et. al., constable's returns	476 90
C. C. Ammerman, et. al., Grand Jurors during year	798 44
A. Bennett, et. al., Traverse Jurors dur-year	1908 51
Newton Walker, Stenographer	383 27
M. E. Cox, et. al., tip staves	168 50
D. R Coffman, court crier	150 00
Exchange hotel, boarding and lodging jury in Pat. Wilson case	19 50
Blue & Heddens, boarding jury Berninger case	6 50
J. B. McHenry, serving jury notices	140 10
J. B. McHenry, drawing jurors, etc	8 00
A. Herbine, jury commissioner	22 50
I. K. K. Laubach, jury commissioner	70 38
D. R. Coffman, court crier, no order was obtained from commissioners for this	120 00
M. E. Cox, et. al., tip staves, no order was obtained from the commissioners for this	177 50
	$4510 10

COSTS IN COMMONWEALTH CASES.

G. M. Quick, prothonotary	157 40
J. B. McHenry, sheriff	95 89
T. B. Hanly, attorney	97 64
J. G. Harman, attorney	166 00
Justices, constables and witnesses	1389 44
	$1906 37

ROADS AND BRIDGES, VIEWERS AND ROAD DAMAGES.

Elias Cornelison, road damage, Pine	$ 5 00
D. J. Lewis, road damage, Sugarloaf	10 00
Alinas Cole, road damage, Sugarloaf	50 00
B. F. Redline, road damage, Jackson	75 00
Robert Oman, road damage, Orange	15 00
Archibald Patterson, road damage, Orange	10 00
John Folk, road damage, Orange	5 00
G. L. Johnson, road damage, Mt. Pleasant	65 00
John Fister, road damage, Mt. Pleasant	110 00
Charles Lee, road damage, Scott	25 00
Levi Mourer, road damage Cleveland	15 00
Michael Stine, road damage, Cleveland	15 00
Charles Stine, road damage, Cleveland	15 00
J. B. Martz, road damage, Briarcreek	13 00
Joseph Lamon, road damage, Briarcreek	11 50
Christian Sigmund, road damages, Cleveland	50 00
Michael Stine, road damage, Cleveland	5 00
Isaiah Rhoads, road damage, Cleveland	3 00
Sarah Girton, road damage, Pine	25 00
H. J. Kinney, road damage, Pine	20 00
Norman Bitler, road damage, Pine	15 00
J. Murray Africa, et. al. for services as viewers, witnesses, etc., in the Catawissa river bridge view	264 65
Sundry surveyors and viewers	394 00
	$1216 15

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE AND COURT HOUSE.

W. A. Dreisbach, auditing accounts, 1895	$ 69 48
W. M. Monroe, auditing accounts, 1895	57 96
W. F. Stohner, auditing accounts, 1895	71 40
C. M. Terwilliger, clerk for Auditors	35 00
O. B. Mellick, cement basement 17.05 Treas. office 9.60	26 65
Gorrey and Mellick, bal. contract Reg. vault	525 65
Stiffel and Freeman, metalic files, etc. Reg. vault	2231 53
Samuel Wigfall, Wellsbach lights	30 50
F. E. Miller, Wellsbach lights and repairs	4 15
Bloom Steam Heat and E. L. Co., steam heat	550 00
Bloom E. L. and Power Co., light	148 75
Bloom Gas Co., gas	67 40
Bloom Water Co., water	149 96
Harman & Hassert, repairs	60
John K. Pensyl, sundries for 1895 and 1896	7 84
Jacob Keller, wrapping paper	1 68
Creasy & Wells, lumber	5 75
Wesley Mordan, work	21 40
S. H. Mordan, lumber for Treas. office	21 37
Pursel & Harman, sundries	3 70
W. A. Evert, copying Assessment and Registry books	23 25
R. R. Zarr, assisting Commissioners office with assessments and tax duplicate	58 50
C. M. Hess, copying assessment for use of townships	11 00
F. B. Ringrose, copying assessment for use of townships	13 50
C. W. Jones, copying assessment for use of townships	5 50
Charles Sterner, carpenter work	5 00
John Lewis, slating	12 60
S. F. Peacock & Co., glass, etc	63 06
Jesse Wilson, putting in glass	14 00
John G. Harman, desk for Supt. office	15 00
W. O. Holmes, plumbing	32 55
W. O. Holmes, hose pipe	12 78
Swank & Barndt, brooms	2 76
R. M. McBride, work Reg. office	1 50
A. C. DeShepperd, repairing locks, etc	7 55
Harrisburg Stencil Works, seals for Com. and Reg. office	7 53
C. W. Runyon, hardware	3 91
H. J. Clark & Son, ½ box soap	1 85
W. C. Coffman, hauling rubbish	1 00
W. M. Hartzell, hauling rubbish	50
W. F. Hartman, plumbing	31 83
C. B. Menagh, repairs, dials, tower clock	6 00
C. E. Savage, repairing clock, Com. office	1 00
Dieffenbach Bros., ice 29 weeks at 25c	7 25
W. H. Brower, matting	21 80
Nathaniel Kreischer, work Treas. office	50
J. W. Mover, seals	1 50
J. H. Maize, insurance, Court House	375 00
C. W. McKelvy, Jr., insurance Court House	375 00
J. H. Brugler, plans and specifications Reg. vault	25 00
The E. Howard Watch & Clock Co., oil for clock	62
D. R. Coffman janitor	300 00
W. H. Rhawn, solicitor	200 00
J. G. Swank, Commissioner	1022 94
G. M. Ikeler, Commissioner	1036 64
W. H. Utt, Commissioner	1021 44
C. M. Terwilliger, clerk	900 00
	$9650 68

COUNTY JAIL.

H. H. Kline, filing bed ticks	$ 7 00
Gingles & Son, sundries	8 48
H. J. Clark & Son, blankets $4.60, ½ box soap $1.85	6 45
John W. Masteller, clothing for prisoners	1 50
F. R. Drake, hauling ashes $7.50, repairing steps $2, painting roofs jail and stable $144.50	154 00
H. W. Watts, repairing roof jail	5 95
J. W. Mordan, work	7 00
M. M. Hartzell, hauling	1 45
Swank & Barndt, brooms	2 74
Jesse Wilson, putting in glass	3 00
Creasy & Wells, lumber	21 21
F. R. Carpenter, coal	66 90
W. R. Kocher & Co., coal	5 00
H. V. White, coal	49 50
Hess Iron Mfg. Co., repairs	2 00
Bloom Gas Co., gas	80 90
Bloom Water Co., water	55 34
J. H. Mercer, medicine for prisoners	16 60
S. F. Peacock & Co., glass, etc	7 79
W. O. Holmes, plumbing	78 60
T. C. Harter, physician	34 50
John McCormick and J. Lanyon, cleaning ditch	1 50
Jones & Walter, shoes for prisoners	1 25
H. W. Sloan, Blankets	1 75
C. W. Runyon, sundries	2 87
J. B. McHenry, Sheriff, boarding to April 30	430 75
J. B. McHenry, Sheriff, washing	129 50
J. B. McHenry, Sheriff, turnkey fees	35 50
H. H. Kline, janitor	900 00
	$1493 48

PRINTING, STATIONERY AND POSTAGE.

Benton Argus, advertising and blanks	$ 6 25
Benton Argus, county statement	60 00
Benton Argus, election proclamation	65 00
	131 25
C. E. Randall, circulating county statements	6 00
C. E. Randall, tax receipts, adv. etc	21 82
C. E. Randall, election proclamation	65 00
	92 82
George E. Elwell, tax receipts, adv. etc	16 75
George E. Elwell, county statement, $60, supplements, $12.25	72 25
George E. Elwell, court calendar	28 00
George E. Elwell, election proclamation	65 00
	182 00
J. C. Brown, tax receipts, adv. &c	19 40
" " county statement	60 00
" " election proclamation	65 00
	144 40
G. A. Potter, Millville Tablet	1 00
Democratic Sentinel, adv. blanks, etc	24 00
J. W. Moyer, sundries	3 50
C. H. Dorr, tax receipts	6 00
Wm. Mann & Co., stationery	40 95
Wm. F. Murphy's Sons, stationery	8 75
W. H. Slate, stationery	7 30
B. A. Isaac, pens	1 25
J. H. Mercer, box rent, stamps, envelopes, etc	49 66
	$ 692 88

INQUISITIONS.

Wm. Mensch, J. P., inquest on body Wm. Scott	$ 14 74
J. D. Bodine, J. P., inquest on body Geo. Kline	11 86
Philip Harris, J. P., inquest on Lizzie Schlosser	21 09
Andrew J. Lenahan, J. P., inquest on Wm. S. Hepner	52 68
John M. Clark, J. P., inquest on body Jos. Shaffer	13 62
J. D. Bodine, J. P., et al inquest on body Samuel Dakin	19 25
Guy Jacoby, J. P., et. al. inquest on body unknown	10 56
	$ 143 85

BRIDGES, BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

BEAVER.

C. W. Troy, repairs Fisher bridge	$ 5 97

BENTON BOROUGH AND TOWNSHIP.

C. B. McHenry, repairs Benton bridge	$ 55 86
G. W. Knouse, repairs Ira Thomas bridge	5 93
Benton Argus, caution notice Edson	3 50
J. D. Fullmer et. al., repairs Edson	212 39
G. B. Crossley, material Edson	7 59
The King Bridge Co., West Creek twp	525 00
James Conner, removing twee Edson	2 00
George D. Yost, blacksmith, Edson	10 48
	$822 75

BLOOM.

John Mensch, filling double track bridge	$ 75
J. S. Lazarus, repairs double bridge	1 75
Peter Jones, repairs Bloom river bridge	5 00
Harmony Bros., plank Bloom river bridge	15 29
Miles Fry, work Bloom river bridge	2 00
Ziba Barnes, work Bloom river bridge	3 25
Percival Foulk, hauling and work Bloom river bridge	3 00
Bloom Car Co., lumber Bloom river bridge	4 63
Creasy & Wells, lumber Bloom river bridge	12 40
Miles Fry, work Red Rock bridge	20 92
Samuel H. Mordan, shingles Red Rock bridge	12 00
W. L. Demaree, lumber Red Rock bridge	7 03
S. F. Peacock & Co., nails Red Rock bridge	1 67
Wm. Coffman, filling Bloom river bridge	2 00
Percival Foulk, filling Red Rock bridge	75
C. W. Runyon, bolts, etc	85
	$ 93 29

BRIARCREEK.

Gideon Michael, work Rittenhouse bridge	$ 2 50
Gideon Michael, work Fairchild bridge	2 50
G. F. Martz, repairs Conner bridge	7 00
	$ 12 00

CATAWISSA.

Miller & Cooper, work river bridge	$ 82
B. W. Fortner, work and hauling river bridge	4 20
A. Jones, work river bridge	60
Jac Fisher and C. Rhawn, work river bridge	3 00
J. H. Geary, work river bridge	1 75
Thomas Hartman, work river bridge	2 13
S. H. Mordan, plank river bridge	32 00
Adam Gensil, work Catawissa creek bdg	5 50
Wm. Herner, work Catawissa creek bdg	5 50

A Bank of England Mystery.

THE DANGEROUS LOOPHOLE.

I.

One day the directors of the Bank of England were much perplexed, and not a little amused, when the secretary read to them, at their usual sitting, the following ill-spelt and somewhat curious letter:

"Two Gentlemin off Bank of England: Yoo think yow is all safe hand your Bank is seafe, butt i knows bettur. I bin hinside the Bank thee last 2 nite hand you nose nuffin abowt it. But i um nott a theaf, so hif yeo wil mett mee in the gret squar rom, werh air the moneiys, at twelf 2 nite Ile explain ori to yoew. let only 1, her 2 cum alown, and say nuffin 2 nobody.—Jon Smiff."

The letter having been duly read, was, as might be expected, the topic of conversation and suggestion for some little time. Some of the directors thought it was a hoax. Others thought that under the apparently ignorantly written letter a deeper mystery was hidden; but all agreed that the safest way was to put the letter, with proper instructions, into the hands of the detectives. The detectives looked grave. There was a plot at work, they saw; and with their usual penetration they at once penetrated the deepest depths of the iniquity.

There is a very large room underground, where the huge wealth of the bank is deposinted—millions and millons of English sovereigns, bars of gold, and hundredweights of silver, with myriads of notes. The detectives, of course, knew that this room must be the place which the writer of the letter had designated as "the gret squar rom." It is full of treasure. Its floor is a solid stone pavement, and its walls, roof, and door are of wrought iron and steel.

All night long the detectives were secreted in the room, but they saw nothing and heard nothing, with the exception that some said they heard, about one or two o'clock, a strange noise they could not account for. The next night was the same, and the next, and the next; and when the board-day of the bank came round the whole of the directors would have treated the affair as an idle attempt to frighten them had not their attention been more strongly called to the subject by the following incident:

A heavy chest had been forwarded iddressed to the "Directors of the Bank of England." The chest was of course opened before them at once—such a thing being very unusual—and found to contain a large packet of most valuable papers and securities which had been safely deposited in the vault. With them was the following letter:

"To the Directors of the Bank of England. Gentlemen,—My husband, who is an honest man, wrote to you last week, and told you that he had found a way—which he believes is only known to himself—of getting into your strong room, and offered, if you would meet him there at night, to explain the whole matter. He had never taken anything from that room except the enclosed box. You set detectives upon him, and he took the box to show that he could go there, if he chose, whoever might watch. He gives you another chance. Let a few gentlemen be in the room alone, guard the door, and make everything secure, and my husband will meet you there at midnight.

"Yours respectfully,
"ELLEN SMITH."

This letter was more mysterious than the last. The only thing that was evident was that the writer, "Ellen Smith," was a better scholar than her husband, who styled himself "Jon Smiff." The detectives were shown the letter, and acted accordingly. Of course they saw through "the dodge." The cleverest men were posted in the room. In the morning they told a strange story. They said that they saw a light at about twelve o'clock. It seemed to come from a dark lantern; but directly they ran to the spot whence the light proceeded, it went out, and the strictest search had discovered nothing.

II.

The bank officials became alarmed. They, however, agreed to do what perhaps would have been wiser if done at first—viz., to depute a few of their number to visit the vault alone. So it was arranged that three gentlemen should remain in the strong-room all night, and that no one else should be with them. Every suitable precaution was taken when night came. The sentinel paced up and down outside; the detectives were not far off; and after the most rigorous search had been instituted, the gentlemen were locked in.

At last one of them, who paced the floor rather impatiently, beginning to think that perhaps after all it was only a clever trick, cried out: "You ghost, you secret visitor, you midnight thief, come out! There is no one here but two gentlemen and myself. If you are afraid, I give you my word of honor as a gentleman that the police are not here. Come out, I say!"

It was more in jest than in earnest that Major C., for he was a military man, shouted out the absurd speech, for as we have said, he had begun to suspect that after all some practical joke was being adroitly carried on, such having more than once before been perpetrated, and he did not much like being victimised himself.

His astonishment, however, was great when, in reply, he heard a strange voice saying: "If you have kept your word, I will keep mine. Put out your light, for I've one, and then I'll come."

The Major and his fellow-directors did not much like putting out the light, but they were not cowards, and, after some demur, it was done. Where the voice came from was, however, a mystery, for there were no hiding-places in the room, every side being of thick, many-plated iron and steel; the ceiling was also of the same material.

When the light was out they waited in silence, while the Major grasped firmly in one hand a revolver, and in the other held the lantern and a few matches. For a little while a low, grating sound was heard, and then a voice evidently that of some one in the room said: "Are you three alone, sure?"

Major, who cared for nothing in struck a match, and in- ih was heard, and a low, smothered laugh. When the match was lighted, nothing could be detected—no one was there.

Again the Major called upon the mysterious somebody to come forth, and again a voice was heard saying, "How can I trust you now?"

The Major was angry, and his companions alarmed, and after trying in vain to trace the point whence the voice proceeded, he exclaimed:

"Well, we'll put out the light again; only come quickly, and make an end of this bother." So saying, he put out the light again.

A moment or two after, the same grating sound was heard, then the falling of some heavy body, and the next instant a man was visible standing in the middle of the vault with a dark lantern in his hand. Of course, he had come from somewhere, but the puzzle was—how? A ghost could not have entered more mysteriously.

The man soon spoke for himself; and the directors, who were still at a loss to explain his presence there, listened in astonishment. It appeared that he was a poor man, and obtained a precarious living in a strange way. When the tide is low, it is the custom of a certain class of people, unknown to refined society, to enter the sewers to search for any articles of value which may have been washed down into them. It is a very dangerous task, and, of course, revolting in the extreme, but they not infrequently find very precious things hidden in the filth. This man was one of those strange adventurers.

One night he had discovered an opening leading to some place above. There was a large square stone, which he found could be easily raised. He listened for some time, and, finding all was silent, lifted up the stone without much difficulty, and found, after some little investigation by the light of his lantern, that he was in the strong room of a bank. These men, like miners, can readily determine the exact spot of ground under which they are; and he soon had a clue to the whole mystery. He told his wife, who was a woman of superior education to his own, of the whole affair; and he then wrote, as we have seen, to the directors.

Down in the sewer he was able to hear all their movements as well as if above ground, and thus was not only able to know their plans, but to frustrate them, and of course could watch his time to remove the small but valuable box, to leave the letters on the table, and to appear so mysteriously.

No one had thought of looking to the stone pavement, which was supposed to be solid and immovable, as it was known that there were no vaults below, although the iron walls and doors had been carefully tested. The mystery was now cleared up, and the man was well rewarded.—Answers.

The Changes of Words.

Long ago, when a certain article made of sturgeons' bladders came into use in England, it was known by its Dutch name, "huizenblas"—that is, "sturgeon bladder." The term was a meaningless one to English ears, and, by some means or other, was transformed into the word which we all know, "isinglass."

The change was precisevly like that which, in some quarters, has turned "asparagus" into "sparrow-grass."

In the same manner that old word "berfry," which meant simply a watch-tower, was transformed into "belfry." It became the custom to hang bells in such towers, and, by common consent, a change of spelling followed.

What is the derivation of the word "steel-yard?" Most readers would reply, without hesitation, that it must have been invented as the name of a certain familiar instrument for weighing—an instrument made of steel and about three feet in length. In point of fact, however, the word meant, in the beginning, nothing but the yard, or court, in London, where the continental traders sold their steel. In this yard, of course, there was some kind of balance for weighing the metal—as steel-yard balance.

Language is full of such cases. 'Blindfold" has nothing to do with the act of folding something over the eyes, but is "blindfelled," or struck blind. "Buttery" has not connection with butter, but is, or was, a "blottlery"—a place for botles.

A "blunderbuss" was not an awkward or inefficient weapon, but, on the contrary, was so terrible as to be called a "donderbus"—that is to say, a "thunder-box," or "thunder-barrel."

The advance in the art of war is happily—or unhapily—typified by the fact that a weapon, one so terrible, has become an object of ridicule. Will the world ever find our present ironclads and mortars nothing but things to laugh at?

Why Men Change Their Names.

Different causes lead to a man's voluntarily changing his name. Said a lawyer: "I have had three cases recently where clients wanted their names doctored. One petitioner was a commercial, a Mr. Wintringham, I think. On the road and among his customers and friends he was known os "Smithsy." This nickname he had carierd so long that when he visited a town he had always entered his name on the hotel register as Smith. Letters sent to him as Wintringham were frequently not delivered, and finally, as a matter of convenience as well as a matter of business, he had his name legally changed from Wintringham to Smith.

On the other hand, John Smith frequently tires of his name. There was one very irate old John Smith who figured as a petitioner not long ago: He was in the clothing business, and his most active competitor was his son, John Smith, who had a clothing establishment next door. Father and son had quarrelled, and the estrangement between them had been of long standing. The young man neglected business, got into debt, and the baliffs were ordered to enter his place. The officers swooped down on the wrong John Smith's shop. The old man was absent, his clerks were paralyzed, and when the venerable proprietor appeared and pounded on the front door for admittance he saw by the bill posted prominently in the window that the baliffs had possession. He had his name changed, and the following day his petition was filed. He is now John Saunders.

A MEAN MAN.

He Would Not Obey Her Command to Commit Suicide.

Gazelle leaned languidly on the perfumed pillows, and petulantly kicked her red morocco slipper across the floor.

"Give me a cigarette, Count," she said, peevishly.

"Cert," yawned the handsome young noble, Count Neverdysky, as he twisted the ends of his luxuriant blonde mustache.

The fair young thing knocked the silver case from his hand and laughed spitefully.

"I don't like that kind. I want Saur Sorrels. Commodores are too cheap, and they don't make me sick," she said.

"You are hard to please fraulen," sighed the Count; and a look of ineffable sadness came over his face.

"However," he continued, "I always carry at least three kinds. Have one of these."

Gazelle took the diminutive cylinder and lighted it deftly on her gold red hair.

"Why are you blue?" she said, looking coyly at the Count, and concealing a fathom yawn behind her bejewled hand. "It is I who should perish from discontent and sadness. Here I am, the prettiest and the worst of the Badeson sisters. I am a Dane, and a melancholy one at that. I am beautiful, am I not? I have a face the sight of which would disarrange the Strausburg timepiece. I sing like a gazelle and dance like a bird. I should be rich, Heinrich, cheri, yet I can hardly support myself in luxury."

"The faulein is pessimistic," commented the Count, in his easy drawl.

"Heinrich," exclaimed the fair diva, as she leaped to her feet and clapped her tendril hands, "I want to ask a large-sized favor of you. Dare I? Do not say 'No,' or I shall never speak to you again."

"Fraulein has but to command," said the young nobleman, bowing very low.

"Well, it's this way," murmured the fair young thing, and plunged into a veritable torrent of words. "You are blue, Heinrich; you know you are. You might just as well commit suicide. Now, you know you are going to do it; Why not say so that you took your life for me? Just leave a note on your table before you shatter your skull—I had almost said before you blow out your brains. I shall be awfully obliged. I shall be besieged by reporters, and wealth, fame, and press notices will be mine. You will do it, won't you, Heinrich? Ugh! you are so handsome. Kiss me."

Count Neverdysky brushed his mustache over the carmined lips and said again: "You have but to command."

He closed the door after him and went out into the night. That was two years ago. He is now conducting a barber shop near Herald square.—New York Herald.

A Corn-Shelling Match.

The tar-heel conventionist of North Carolina knows a thing or two besides making constitutions. He can beat all creation shelling corn. The other evening a strolling pedler had a newly patented corn-sheller hawking it about Raleigh, and was showing a crowd on the street how fast it could shell, when an old member from the mountains walked up, dressed in blue jean, and a cob pipe in his mouth, and said to the pedler:

"I can beat the thing shelling corn myself.

"Well, sir," said the pedler, "I'll give you a machine for nothing if you do it."

"Good as wheat," says the conventionist, and he searched over the pile for a red cob, made a boy take it to a fire and burn it a little, and then, squaring himself on the sidewalk, he seized the red cob with a regular old plantation grip in one hand, while he held the ear of corn between both legs with the other, and waited for the word "Go" from a little man in the crowd, who held the watch to time them.

"Go!" said the fellow, and at it they went.

But the little pedler was so excited in the start that his sheller got chocked, and while he was scuffling to unchoke it, the old member coolly got up, and pitching his half-shelled ear into the pile, said to the pedler:

"I ain't got the time to shell against that thing mister; it would make me slow-motioned for life," and he stepped away lively, the crowd shouting and the pedler mad.

Had Good Reasons.

"Hardbake," said the gentleman's friend, "I am surprised to hear from good authority that you, a free-born American, are in the habit of looking up to the titled foreign son-in-law of yours."

"If you knowed how high he come," said Mr. Hardbake, with a sigh, "you'd see that there wasn't no other way to look at him."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

No More Trouble.

"This is pretty stout butter," declared Mr. Newly with a frown that was deep for a man who had been married but a month.

"Don't scold dearie," urged his pretty little wife. "It'll not occur again. I have bought a churn and ordered buttermilk to be delivered regularly. Hereafter we'll have sweet, fresh butter."—Detroit Free Press.

Paid For.

"Mrs. Cumrox's children seem to be very fond of their school," remarked one woman.

"What makes you think so?"

"They are always speaking of their 'dear teacher.'"

"Oh, Mr. Cumrox insists on that. He says that, considering how much he pays for extra tuition, it's only proper."—Washington Star.

Comforting.

"Say, Elsie, look around the street corner again and see if August isn't coming yet."

"No, I don't se him; but don't be worried—the people are looking more and more like him every minute!"—Fligende Blaetter.

OUR NATIVE BIRDS.

Organization of the Pennsylvania Audubon Society.

The Pennsylvania Audubon Society, now forming, has just completed its arrangement of organization, and accordingly publishes a circular explaining the nature and object of the association.

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Audubon Society is to discourage the buying and wearing for ornament the feathers of any wild bird, and in other ways to protect our native birds. Few persons realize that the fashion of wearing feathers necessitates the slaughter of thousands upon thousands of wild birds, and has already resulted in the practical extermination of several species in many localities, and a vast decrease in the numbers of others. The Audubon Society particularly calls attention to and earnestly protests the use of the aigrette, and the heads and wings of terns, which are now seen so frequently in millinery. To supply the demand for the aigrette the egret and snowy heron, from which they are obtained, are shot down on their nesting grounds, the plumes are plucked from the dead and dying birds, and the carcasses cast aside, while the young birds are left to starve to death in their nests, since the mother bird can no longer return to feed the little brood.

These herons have already been practically exterminated in Florida, and the plume hunter still pursues and slaughters them in more remote countries. The delicate little terns have been nearly exterminated in the same way on the New Jersey coast, and many of our smaller birds, the charm of the rural districts and the invaluable friends of the farmer, have also suffered—all to serve this fad of fashion. The only way to prevent this ruthless slaughter is to discourage the fashion now in vogue and to lessen the demand for the birds. This can easily be accomplished by refusing to purchase the feathers of wild birds; for if a majority of our ladies would cease to use aigrettes the slaughter of the herons would stop at once. The feathers of the ostrich may be worn, as these birds are farmed and the feathers removed without injury to them. There is also no objection to the use of feathers of chickens, pigeons or other domesticated birds which are bred and raised for the use of man. In behalf of the wild birds the society appeals to all humane and intelligent people to join the society and use their influence for the protection of our birds.

How Colds are Caught.

People in good health, with fair play, easily resist cold. But when the health flags and liberties are taken with the stomach or the nervous system, a chill is easily taken. Of all causes of "cold," probably fatigue is one of the most efficient. A jaded man coming home at night from a long day's work, a growing youth losing two hours' sleep over evening parties two or three times a week, or a young lady heavily "doing the season," young children overfed, and with short allowance of sleep, are common instances of the victims of "cold."

Luxury is favorable to chill-taking; very hot rooms, feather beds, soft chairs, create a sensitiveness that leads to catarrhs. It is not, after all, the "cold" that is so much to be feared as the antecedent conditions that give the attack a chance of doing harm. Some of the worst "colds" happen to those who do not leave their houses or even their beds, and those who are most invulnerable are often those who are most exposed to changes of temperature, and who by good sleep, cold bathing, and regular habits preserve the tone of their nervous system and circulation.

It was recently pointed out by the Lancet that many chills are contracted at night or at the fag end of the day, when tired people get the equilibrium of their circulation disturbed by either overheated sitting-rooms or underheated bedrooms and beds. This is especially the case with elderly people. In such cases the mischief is not always done instantaneously or in a single night. It often takes place insidiously, extending over days or even weeks.

Experiment With Ants.

Boyle, the well-known zoologist, once noticed a swarm of ants, and found that when two of the ants met, they put their heads together, as if they had something to say to each other, and were whispering in each other's ears. In order to obtain greater certainty about the ability of ants to communicate information to each other he killed suddenly one of the ants being well in advance of the greatest number of the swarm. Those ants which were near enough to witness the killing of one of their number fled hurriedly, but stopped at the head of the advancing column, placing their antennae or feelers together with those of the leaders of the swarm. The advancing swarm divided to the right and left, so that none of the ants following passed the body of the dead ant at any nearer distance than six feet on either side, although the dead ant lay in the exact direction of the traveling swarm. This certainly speaks for the ability of the ants to communicate information to each other.

Romance of a Millionaire.

A San Francisco item in the New York Tribune reads: When Charles Main, the capitalist, was very ill, just before his death, his oldest friends were amazed to find that he had no legal right to the name which he bore for nearly fifty years in California. He had changed his real name when he first came here because of a fancied prejudice against Hebrews. This week a contest over the will of Jacob Z. Davis, who accumulated a fortune of $2,500,000 in this city, reveals that his real name was Dediker, and that he dropped it when he left Philadelphia, in 1849, because he had been bound as apprentice to a tradesman, and he feared the consequences of his violation of the contract. His sister's children contest the will, which left all this property to the two nieces of his deceased wife, whom he had practically adopted as his children.

She Kept the Secret.

An amusing story is told of a maiden lady who was staying in a fashionable London hotel when the last census was taken. Like some other people, she is rather sensitive on the subject of age, and this, of course, was not unnaturally the subject of some quizzing among the other guests. The census paper left at the hotel by the enumerator was spread on the parlor table, and the guests were requested to fill in the various spaces as to their antecedents, etc.

Secrecy was, of course, out of the question, and considerable curiosity was evinced as to how the lady in question would treat the query as to her age.

When her turn came she was equal to the emergency. She quietly filled in all the desired information, and when the eager eyes around scanned the "age column," they found they could make nothing of it. Everybody else had written out in a neat, clear hand, but here they were puzzled.

"Why, Miss A.," said the landlady, smiling sweetly, "I am afraid the enumerator will not be able to make this out," pointing to the item in question.

"That?" said Miss A., placidly. "Oh, that is written in Russian, you know, and if he can't read it, they can at the office, of course." And she calmly retired, well aware that not a soul in the hotel but herself understood a word of the Russian language.

Gas and Electricity.

Notwithstanding the confessed imperfections of the system of coal gas making, the evil odors which attach to the works, the yet more offensive exhalations given off from streets through which the main pipes are led, the destructive accidents which occasionally occur from gas explosions, and the heat and sulphurous fumes evolved during its combustion, not one of the numerous substitutes which have been proposed has been able to rival it, in any large town or city where coal is a marketable commodity.

As against the system of electric lighting which is now being brought into competition with it, it may be already demonstrated that for busy thoroughfares, almost, it may be said, for open air lighting generally, as also for large halls and inclosed spaces, electric lighting will, in the near future, supersede gas; but that it will be equally available for domestic purposes is not yet so certain, and until it can be shown that a current may be subdivided practically without limit, that the supply can adapt itself to the demand with the same ease that the pressure of gas is regulated, and that the lights can be raised and lowered equally with gaslights, till these and other conditions are satisfied the disuse of gas lighting is still very remote.

Genuine.

Hairdresser—Yes; I pride myself on the fact that all the false hair I sell is thoroughly genuine.

For Feather Beds.

An unusual way of treating a feather bed is as follows: Place it upon a piazza roof, if one is at hand, or, if not upon several boards, so as to raise it from the ground. Leave it exposed to the drenching rain until it is thoroughly soaked, then turn the bed several times. Dry it in the sun, turning first one side and then the other. When one side is perfectly dry, beat it up with sticks until perfectly light, and so on, until the bed is in perfect condition.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF

BLOOM POOR DISTRICT,

for the year ending January 4, 1897.

JOHN K. GROTZ, Treasurer.

DR.

To balance on hand at last settlement	$ 948 41	
Cash from all sources	5556 23	$6504 64

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By old orders paid	28 67	
" new orders paid	5921 61	
" Note paid	300 00	
" commission 2 per cent	125 00	6375 28
Balance on hand		$ 129 36

RECAPITULATION OF MONEYS RECEIV'D.

J. M. Rote, collector	$ 215 88
D. S. Patterson, collector	493 79
S. N. Smith, collector	260 30
C. E. Hartman, collector	474 59
John K. Bittenbender, col	2301 81
W. W. Kester	91 50
Self	37 65
Farm produce	429 47
Discounts	787 91
County	43 69
Cook wages	11 64
Returned by Gibbons family	10 00
Mary Long settlement	198 00
	$5556 23

IN ACCOUNT WITH COLLECTORS.

J. K. Bittenbender, col. 1895 amt. duplicate	$ 3363 35	
Amt. paid	2438 76	
Amt. due		$ 924 59
J. K. Bittenbender, col. 1896 duplicate	3448 59	
Amt. paid	1200	
Amt. due		2248 59
C. E. Hartman, col. 1896 duplicate	$ 769 01	
Paid August 25	235	
Amt. due		$ 534 01
D. S. Patterson, col. 1896 duplicate	$ 577 29	
Amt. paid	220	
Amt. due		$ 357 29
J. M. Rote, col. 1896 duplicate	$ 209 37	
Amt. paid	165 23	
Amt. due		$ 44 14
J. M. Smith, col. 1896 duplicate	$ 284 38	
Amt. paid	122 30	
Amt. due		$ 162 08
Amt. due less ex. and com		4260 70

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

DANVILLE STATE HOSPITAL.

Geo. Fox 52 2-7 weeks @ $1.75	$ 91 50	
Jesse Kelly 52 2-7 " " "	91 50	
L. Z Kahler 52 2-7 " " "	91 50	
Alza Sterner 52 2-7 " " "	91 50	
Carrie Turrell 52 2-7 " " "	91 50	
J. W. Osman 52 2-7 " " "	91 50	
W. W. Kester 52 2-7 " " "	91 50	
	$ 640 50	

SALARIES AND FEES.

Dr. Christain	50 00
" E. H. Smith	25 00
" Wackenhuth	9 00
" Shultz	15 90
" Clark	1 00
" Bruner	18 00
" Harter	5 00
" Rutter	100 40
Isaiah Hagenbuch	81 25
O. T. Wilson	81 25
M. H. Rhodes	81 25
Thos Webb	100 00
P. A. Kline	650 01
W. H. Snyder	71 75
R. R. Little	25 00
Chas Lee settlement in full for damages	50 00
	$ 1306 41

EXPENSES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Provisions and supplies	306 69
Fuel and light	161 88
Clothing and shoes	60 26
Furniture and bedding	8 50
Dry goods	15 89
Medical supplies	17 49
Blacksmithing	33 92
Harness repairs	10 45
Wagon and implements	45 75
Hardware	157 61
W. O. Holmes, repairs	17 56
Extracting teeth	2 20
Tobacco	22 11
Lime	72 56
Manure	39 75
Phosphate	54 10
Weighing	60
Insurance on buildings	72 60
Surveying	2 50
Clearing new ground	161 10
Building new fence	59 63
1 brood sow	18 00
1 hog	8 10
Cider barrels	4 50
Fruit trees	25 00
Seed potatoes, plants, &c	15 80
C. W. Trump 1 plow and points	14 30
W. L. White 1 land roller, 1 plow, &c	41 65
N. J. Englehart, 1 set hay ladders	10 00
Isaiah Howell, use of binder to cut harvest	11 25
Morden & Kline, making cider	3 54
W. H. Brower, carpet	18 75
	$1452 44

OUTSIDE RELIEF

Stacy Welliver	63 86
Gibbons family	74 06
Daniel Reardow	1 50
Mrs. Remley	3 00
Mrs. Burnett	39 50
Mrs. Reynolds	92 10
Jacob Adams	77 98
Mrs. Albright	12 25
Mrs. Whitmer	7 50
Geo. Samuels	66 00
C. Creveling	55 01
W. Ingold	3 10
Abbie Evans	73 00
Chas. Diggs	3 35
A. Ritch	6 00
Mrs. Brewer	18 50
E. Lenard	7 76
O. P. Swisher	8 95
Hester Bomboy	5 35
Mrs. Hutchins	1 10
Jno. Shaffer	90 50
T. E. Swisher	7 25
David Renner	71 25
Daniel Ball	12 00
Wm. Carter	6 00
Geo. Ivey	68 25
J. Martz	1 50
Edward Ryan	4 10
J. A. Hower	6 75
Mrs. Hildebrandt	6 15
Mrs. Harleigh	12 00
Chas. Hall	2 00
Ann Muffley	3 00
Anna Eckenroth	1 75
W. Splain	2 00
Mrs. Johnson	7 50
Mrs. Printz	1 40
Mrs. Rimard	20 00
Jno. Henson	2 00
Henry Swisher	5 15
W. D. Golder	4 00
J. Magill	3 50
Mary Long	14 93
Mrs. Shoemaker	5 00
Jane Williams	2 15
Mrs. Campbell	17 75
Chas. Cook	7 00
Roy Long	9 50
Luke Rhone	3 25
Robt. Long	9 50
A. Y. Hess	7 85
Mrs. Sarah Long	14 72
Mrs. Green	4 25
Roy Cadow	5 87
Mrs. Correll	7 25
Mrs. Jones	14 85
A. N. Yohe	4 00
Long's boy	3 27
Gordon boy	2 57
Fishingcreek Poor Dist. for S. Welliver	9 00
R. R. tickets and meals for tramps	28 00
	$ 1129

SUNDRY EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses	22 04
Orders of relief to different persons	30 00
Printing	69 35
Stationery	2 45
Postage	7 88
Clothing for Geo. Evans at Elwyn Inst.	20 00
Expenses for sending Maurice Mathews, boy bitten by mad dog) to Pasteur's Inst	226 25
Funeral expenses of Jacob Adams	23 50
Coffin for Mrs. Lloyd	15 00
Settlement in full with Windham Poor Dist	493 24
Settlement in full with Milton Poor District	93 42
W. H. Thomas, sawing lumber	11 17
P. A. Kline, paid sundry small bills	15 40
Expenses of hail and wind storms, work and material	531 34
	$ 1570 94
	$ 6159 67

The undersigned auditors of the Bloom Poor District, having examined the foregoing accounts of the District for the year 1896, find them correct as above set forth, and so approve them.

BOYD TRESCOTT,
O. M. HESS,
I. A. DEWITT,
J. E. WHITE,
PETER H. FREEZE,
Auditors.

PRODUCTS OF FARM FOR 1896.

233 bushels	wheat		214 20
120 "	rye		48 00
831 "	oats		291 10
1410 "	corn ears		246 75
66 "	buckwheat		26 40
25 "	sweet corn		21 00
180 "	potatoes		45 00
2 "	onions		1 00
3 "	beans		3 00
3 "	beets		1 50
14 tons hay			196 00
1600 lbs. pork			80 10
450 "	lard		31 50
400 "	beef		20 00
1600 "	pork		80 00
450 "	lard		31 50
17 tons coal			51 00
20 acres wheat in ground			1 00
15 "	rye " "		60 00
Furniture in almshouse			250 00
"	" Stewards house		250 00
Farm'g implements, wagons &c			7 00
			$14632 98

OCCUPANTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

Number of paupers at last report	10	
Admitted during year	25	
		35
Discharged during year	20	
Remaining at end of year	15	
		35
Number from Bloom	5	
" " Greenwood	7	
" " Scott	1	
" " Sugarloaf	1	
" " Millville	1	
		15

ISAIAH HAGENBUCH,
O. T. WILSON,
M. H. RHODES,
Directors

LOSS BY STORMS.

250 bushels	buckwheat	130 00
200 "	corn ears	35 00
100 "	oats	25 00
300 "	apples	60 00
10 "	beets	2 50
200 sheaves corn fodder		6 00
1 hog		5 00
40 turkeys		40 00
100 chickens		25 00
1500 heads cabbage		30 00
1000 stalks celery		10 00
40 loads pumpkins		25 00
30 tons of ice, no charge		
		$ 393 50

VALUE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Balance on Bloom dup. 1845		924 59
" " " " 1895		2248 59
" " Scott " 1896		534 01
" " Gre'nwood dup. '96.		357 29
" " Millville " "		44 14
" " Sugarloaf " "		162 08
		$ 4270 70
Farm and buildings	12000 00	
4 horses	450 00	
5 cows	125 00	
1 heifer	20 00	
1 bull	30 00	
11 sheep	35 00	
3 brood sows	30 00	
12 shoats	25 00	
5 turkeys	5 00	
100 chickens	25 00	
150 bushels wheat	142 00	
72 " rye	28 80	
500 " corn ears	87 50	
6 tons hay	84 00	
1400 sheaves corn fodder	24 00	
100 bushels potatoes	25 00	
400 lbs beef	20 00	
1600 " pork	80 00	
450 " lard	31 50	
17 tons coal	51 00	
20 acres wheat in ground	1 00	
15 " rye " "	60 00	
Furniture in almshouse	250 00	
" " Stewards house	250 00	
Farm'g implements, wagons &c	7 00	
	$14632 98	